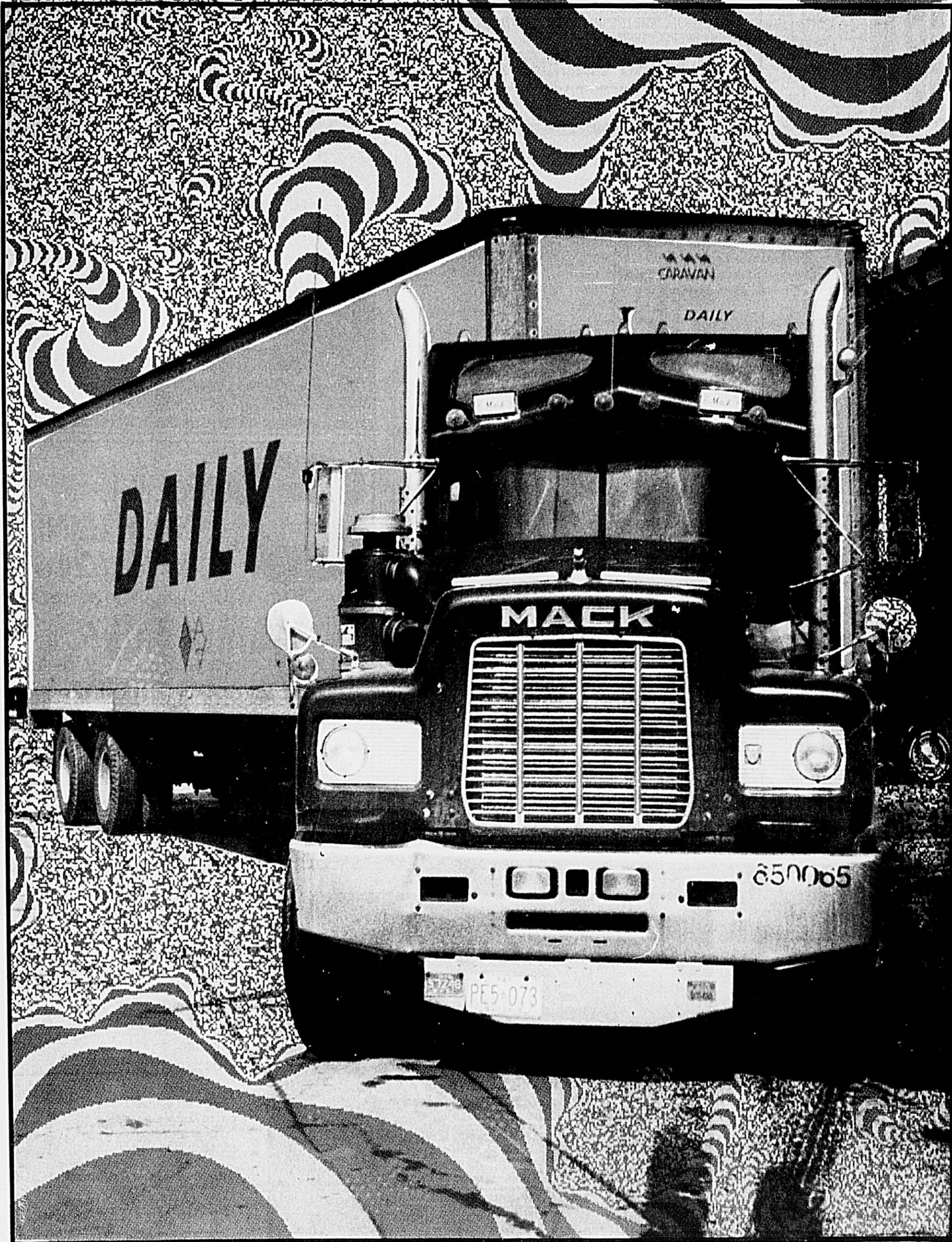


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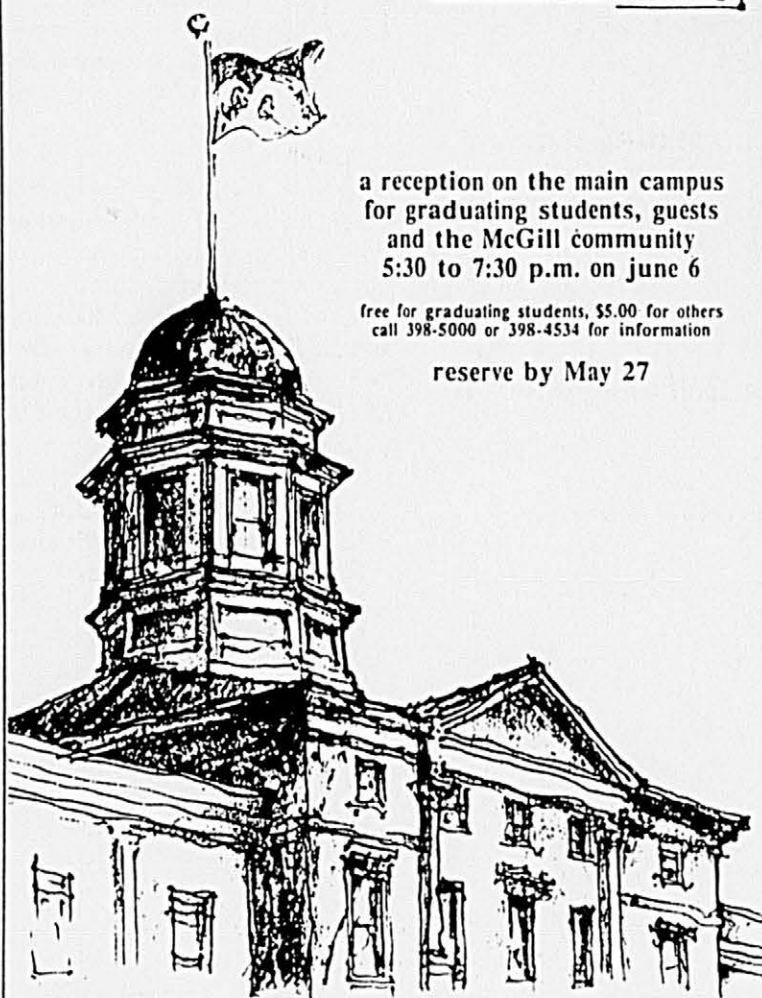
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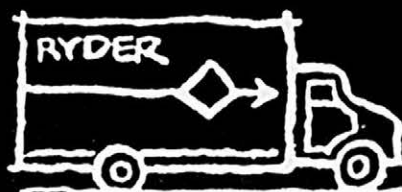
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### Bobbing for appleseeds

This message goes out to anyone who thought they'd grow up and be a firefighter with a shiny red engine, or an astronaut drinking Tang on the moon.

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McGill University scraped away another layer of student culture this year. But what with the silence and subtlety of it all, the event got confused with some kind of *natural* process, like snakes shedding under cover in the brush.

McGill, much like Canada and Great Britain and the United States of America, is flat broke. It's being billed as a campus-wide crisis, an emergency demanding the full dedication of 'the McGill community.' Be strong, do your bit, make a few sacrifices and together we will ride the mighty tempest to the shore.

As things stand, it looks like a couple of libraries, half the sports teams and the *Daily* could disappear over the summer.

Sorry, did somebody say 'community'? If you believe it, raise your McGill mastercard. More likely, you're feeling as though you've turned up at a Jean LePen garden party in wet suit and flippers.

One might suppose that student life would be some sort of buffer between you and the heartbreaking pirates in the James Administration Building. Get ready for another disappointment.

This year's troupe of student politicians have been the most immediately disliked, the most widely disliked, and, at times, the most creatively disliked group of student greedsters in recent history.

They've pushed to control and neutralise student culture, effectively stripping it of any political function. Their program to inspire campus enthusiasm feels more like a dishwasher shower. Join a club! Sign up for a committee! Drive a spike through your skull!

As for ourselves, we feel a lot like cigar-chomping, grumpy old fish. Threats of funding withdrawals, threats of death on home answering machines (jokes, we assumed) and now, eviction.

It's been an exhausting year, for all the wrong reasons. Every minute with Morisset's gang is a minute away from the paper. Those minutes add up, and so does the hate mail.

It didn't have to be this way. If they'd just done their jobs, and let us do ours, everyone on campus would have had a better *Daily* this year. We know as well as anyone that the lost energy results in weaker stories, narrower coverage and front-page crossword puzzles.

But in their bungling, the tight-assed careerists made people speak out. The emergence of students critical of McGill and the fools who monopolise student activities has been a remarkable development. It has included some support for the *Daily* in the lease negotiations, for which we're very grateful.

The resistance doesn't have to stop at disgruntled anti-chicken rallies, though. Those of us who are depressed by the McGill vacuum can work towards creating that community we've been missing, whether we're at the *Daily*, in other autonomous groups, or just circling the Onion building.

Imagine the fractal-freckled walls of the lower-campus Chaos Centre. Imagine a campus where student-run, community-based projects — whether track teams or newspapers — get a boost over the obstacles instead of a kick in the teeth from robots beeping "Expect Excellence!"

See you at the party, and have a good summer.

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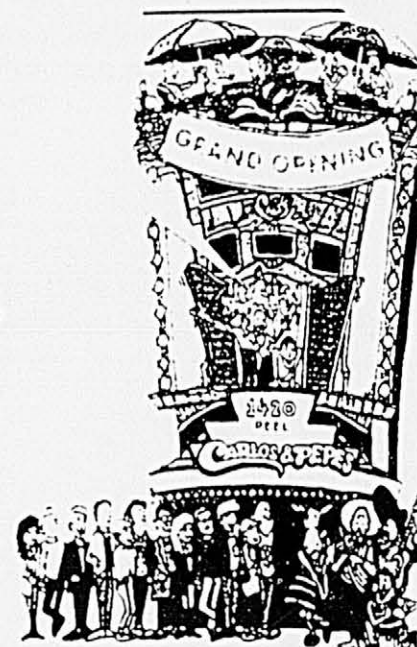
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# McGill to address human rights charges

by Susana Béjar

McGill will respond to five charges of human rights violations early next week, according to University lawyer Raynald Mercille.

The Québec Human Rights Commission (QHRC) officially notified the University of the charges filed against it over 21 days ago.

"We've been in the process of completing various verifications," said Mercille, referring to McGill's

internal inquiry process. "When we're done we will announce whether we feel the complaints are founded."

Complainant Robert Head, who filed two grievances of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and political conviction, said McGill has been stalling.

"McGill tends to drag its feet. If it didn't drag its feet the situation would never have snow-balled as it has. It would have been solved a long time ago," said Head.

Head has yet to be contacted by the University, though the day McGill received his complaint he was instructed to report to McGill's medical practitioner for examination.

"The practitioner supported my medical certificate (Head is on short-term disability) and recommended that every effort be made to find an administrative solution to my case. Ideally, he suggested job relocation," he said.

Head said he is confident about

his case. He has two lawyers working with him and is "totally prepared to take the case through a tribunal if McGill denies the charges."

"The QHRC represents one legal approach," said Head, "but there are others."

In the meantime, Head has formed a support group for McGill employees filing complaints against the University.

"The function will be for people to meet, exchange information, offer support, relate experiences

and refer people to legal council and medical practitioners," said Head.

Head said several new complaints have been filed against McGill in the last month.

According to Mercille, grievances against the University are standard, to the tune of dozens a year.

"Very few of them turn out to be founded. But we approach each one with an open mind," said Mercille.

## Multicultural professor to leave McGill

by Mariame Kaba

A Social Work professor teaching the faculty's only course in intercultural relations is leaving, and many students worry she won't be replaced, creating a gaping hole in the school's curriculum.

Professor Carole Christensen's mandatory course, "Cross Cultural Perspectives in Social Work" is the only course at McGill dealing with intercultural relations in a North American context.

"Our client population is made up of all cultures and backgrounds with a disproportionate number of visible minorities. We need to be adequately trained in dealing with people of diverse backgrounds," said Social Work student Lisa Lorenzetti.

Christensen's course only became compulsory after fifteen years of student lobbying. The University is now being asked to hire a replacement from the community at large.

"If the University doesn't make an effort to find an expert to teach the course, it will be tantamount to saying that understanding different cultures is not an important requirement for a social worker to have," said Lorenzetti.

Christensen herself is concerned about the lack of full-time minority faculty members in her department. In her 21 years at the school she said, "no other visible minorities have been interviewed or hired as full-time tenured professors."

"As a result, students are getting a limited view of a multi-cultural society," said Christensen. "If the School does not hire another expert, the people who will lose will be the students and their clients. The university would be saying in effect that this is not an area of expertise."

Christensen said the overt and covert discrimination she has experienced as a black professor in an all-white university is no different from the discrimination women face in all-male faculties.

"There is a reluctance in the University to acknowledge that employment equity must be as determined to deal with systemic racism as with systemic sexism," she said.

To oppose sexism in academia without reacting as well to racism is blatant hypocrisy, said Christensen.



Residence posters last week warned McGill women it's unsafe to walk this scenic route.

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## Women attacked on mountain

by Kathleen Hickey

"Be Careful," warned the posters that appeared in the halls of McGill's residences early last week, "don't walk alone."

The posters stated that two women have recently been sexually assaulted in the area surrounding Molson, Douglas, McConnell and Gardiner Halls. And last Thursday at 16h, eye witnesses said, a man chased a woman East along Pine Avenue after attacking her near the McIntyre Medical Building.

The attacker was subsequently chased by three students who called the police after catching him.

Constable Michèle St-Onge, a crime prevention officer at Station 25 was not aware of the attacks, but she said the police want to be "more in touch."

"We know there's a lot that goes on at McGill," St-Onge said. "There are a lot of people going through there. We try to patrol the area as much as we can."

Representatives of McGill's controversial new Sexual Assault Centre were not aware of last week's incidents. Critics have called the Centre apolitical and nepotistic.

"You can't deny it's a dangerous area," said Mary-Margaret Jones, a commissioner for the Centre and also a Students' Society councillor. The walk up to the buildings is poorly lit and the bushes make visibility even more difficult, she said.

"Residences are targeted at every university," added Sylvia Diiorio, coordinator of the Sexual Assault Centre.

Diiorio said that university ad-

ministrations tend to ignore sexual assault on campus out of concern for public relations. "It doesn't look good for a university to send out pamphlets telling students how to protect themselves against rape."

But Diiorio said sexual assault is a problem universities will have to deal with. "And as far as residence is concerned, there's a lot of work to be done."

Jones and Diiorio suggest setting up a Walk Safe Network to and from the residences as a way students can help themselves. A similar program was started up last year by a group of McGill women, but they received little support from the Students' Society.

Improved lighting and better campus security are also needed. "Unfortunately, security is almost non-existent at McGill. They have

a very small team and can't respond to calls quickly," Diiorio said.

St-Onge said Station 25 crime prevention team provides self-defence seminars and information sessions.

But Jones and Diiorio said they feel it is important for students to help themselves, adding that McGill must take its fair share of responsibility.

"They (the administration) have definitely neglected sexual assault," Jones said.

The director of residences, Florence Tracy, and VP Physical Resources Samuel Freedman, who is in charge of campus security, did not return calls.

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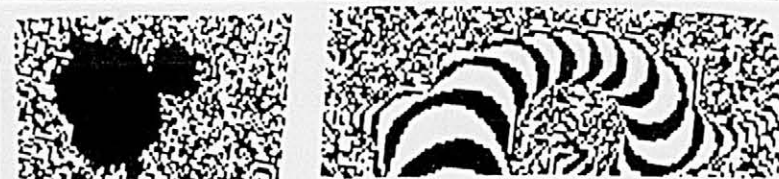
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## SENATE BRIEFS

**Library will still close**

Despite strong debate, the merger of the Nursing and Social Work Library with the McLennan and Health Sciences Libraries will continue as scheduled.

Social work professor Diane Reichertz asked Senate on Wednesday to delay the closure of the library until "the proper consultation process had been taken." She said students would now have to cross the campus to get research information.

Student senator Debbie Pentesco also expressed concern for students who, she said, were left out of the consultation process.

VP Planning, François Tavenas, argued in favour of the library closure. "McGill cannot afford so many libraries," he said.

The library merger was approved last year. Books have already been moved in anticipation of the fall closing of the Nursing and Social Work Library.

**Mandatory bilingualism to be studied**

Dean of Engineering Pierre Belanger introduced a proposal Wednesday to strike a Task Force on Priorities recommendation that all McGill students be required to be functionally bilingual.

Belanger said he feels quality of education would be sacrificed if Senate decided to adopt the recommendation.

"Undergraduate students' workload is large enough without these added requirements," Belanger said.

Other senators objected to the bilingualism proposal on the grounds such a requirement would deter international students from registering at McGill.

Principal David Johnston argued in favour of mandatory bilingualism. "To know or... is to know none," he said. "Proficiency in two languages will help students advance in society after graduation."

Senate voted to set up another task force to study the feasibility of required bilingualism. The task force will undertake a faculty-to-faculty review of the question.

**Computer threat questioned**

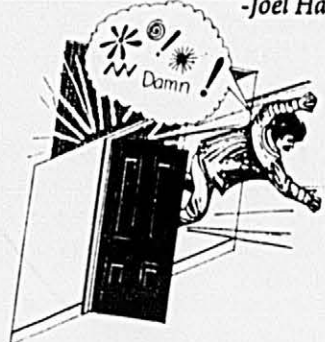
In response to a question in Senate about computer safety from political science professor Sam Noumoff, VP Planning François Tavenas committed his department to a study of the problem.

Noumoff presented evidence that personal computers emit an electromagnetic field that can damage unborn fetuses. The radiation may be given off by the VDTs (Video Display Terminals) of many computers currently in use at McGill.

"Many women of child bearing age work with these computers on campus and are potentially at risk to exposure," Noumoff said. He suggested that a switch to liquid crystal displays could alleviate the problem.

Tavenas assured Senate that in a survey to determine how many computers are actually in use at McGill, he would also identify potential health risks. If any are found to exist, Tavenas said, the problem will be dealt with.

-Joel Harrison



# Student groups may get more space

by Stephanie Conway

Last week the Students' Society committee in charge of the Union Building sent a letter to the administration asking that they give priority to student groups for meeting space on campus.

This could mean more space for student groups in the Union Building, including the Daily, according to VP Internal Joanna Wedge.

"The new VP Internal, Alex Johnston, and I are currently prioritizing rooms in the Union which could be used for student group space. But only if the university agrees to give us more meeting space on campus," said Wedge. "Otherwise we must maintain the status quo."

According to Physical Plant Planning Officer Chuck Adler, he has not yet responded to the letter.

"It's a problem we haven't had much success with," he said. "We are reviewing the problem, but have come to no conclusions."

She said she wants to meet with a number of groups seeking space including the Daily, Co-op McGill, and athletics clubs. "But we don't want to scare the university off," she said.

If the university agrees there will be four potential rooms to renovate with at least seven groups vying for the space, Wedge said.

As for the Daily: "In the long term, this agreement would stop the further shrinking of space," said Wedge. "In the short term, there is a possibility of space if renovations are feasible and if we have flexibility in planning."

Wedge said Johnston is already talking about re-locating the Daily.

But Wedge said, "I don't want to give a little pat on the head and say, 'we will give you space.'"

According to Councillor Robert Fabes, Student Society's recent decision to evict the Daily was unfair.

"I'm not saying the Daily should or shouldn't have space or have to pay rent. The point is they were the only group who had this problem and they have not been treated fairly."

Fabes presented a motion to Council last night aimed at establishing some guidelines and principles for space allocation.

The brief asks that the University Centre Committee seek alternatives to the space problem that will not hinder the functioning of groups due to space reductions.



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Even the \$3600 chicken suit came out Thursday at noon to join a grassroots protest against the Students' Society's undemocratic, corporatist policies at the infamous Info Kiosk. The activists were later ejected from a Students' Council meeting.

"If the choice is between kicking out an independent group or losing meeting space, the SSMU must look at other space," said Fabes.

"It's unfair for independent groups to be dealt with on an ad hoc basis," he said. "If SSMU doesn't have enough space they should change their financial management."

Fabes' motion also asks that Students' Society try to recoup losses of student money spent on the new bookstore.

"SSMU was promised space in the bookstore, but they never followed through. It is a legitimate claim. They should talk to the university," said Fabes.

The question of meeting rooms for students in other buildings was raised earlier this year, but department chairs were not very receptive. According to Wedge: "The chairs in the Leacock building were not interested. They have had problems with students using rooms before."

When they were approached in March, Adler and VP Physical Plant Sam Kingdon said they would consider the proposal.

Wedge said if the agreement goes ahead, her committee's first renovation priorities would be meeting rooms on the 4th floor and room B-09/10 in the union basement.

According to Fabes' motion, any subdivision room B-09/10 and 107/108 should give priority to club offices and services. A Students' Society policy states that these rooms can be used for exhibition rooms, "only where possible."

But Wedge said room 107/108 has to be reserved for all groups and business "who want to interact with students."

She said, "Even though we're three minutes from the downtown core, some students still want to have more businesses and services on campus."

At press time, the Council still had not voted on Fabes' motion.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**SSMU executives may get raise**

At press time, Students' Society was heading into their final meeting of the year.

One eye-catching agenda item was a proposal to raise executive "stipends" (the pay they receive during the school year) by 8.2 per cent. According to the Joint Management Committee, this increase is for cost of living and directly corresponds with the Consumer Price Index for Montréal.

President-elect Scott Mitic said he didn't really know anything about the proposed pay hikes. "I'm not in this for the money," he said.

If he were, Mitic would know that if the proposal is passed by Council, all members of the executive will receive the same salaries — \$5756.75 from September to May next year. This is an increase of just over \$400 per executive member.

At council's last meeting, a "cost of living" increase of 5 per cent for the executives' summer salaries was tabled because there were not enough councillors present to vote. The

summer increase would see executives earning minimum wage plus 30 per cent.

If both proposals are approved by Council, Students' Society executives will earn over \$10 000 a year. Multiply that by five.

**McGill opposes international fee hikes**

McGill administration is committed to opposing international student fee hikes, according to international student, Lina Souki.

Last week, McGill vice principal François Tavenas formulated a brief aimed at the business community and the treasury board, Souki said.

"He is trying to convince them that they are shooting themselves in the foot," she said. "They will lose in the long run."

Souki said the government will go ahead with the fee hikes, but they have not yet confirmed it in writing.

McGill Association of International Students (MAIS) will try to get more students involved to increase student awareness.

"We have 100 per cent support at McGill. We are the most affected so we'll be doing the most action," said Souki.

**Grads support Daily**

Graduate students have condemned Students' Society's "heavy-handed" treatment in their ongoing lease negotiations with the McGill Daily.

A motion presented at PGSS council last Wednesday opposed Students' Society's "strategy of intimidating the McGill Daily under the pretense of 'lack of space'."

Council also mandated the executive to write a letter to the undergrad society and the McGill Administration stating opposition to Students' Society's new policy charging autonomous groups "market rates" for their space in the Union Building.

The Daily is the first student group the policy has been used against.

Members of the grad council noted the proposed space cut would "effectively destroy the paper's ability to produce a daily newspaper."



# Government subsidising military waste

by Susana Béjar

Peace activists staged several small disruptions, including the invasion of a horde of Raging Grannies, at a military sub-contractors' exhibition held at the Palais de Congrès this week.

Activists, who have labeled the exhibition an arms bazaar, tried to gain entry to the Palais, but were refused.

Government representatives have consistently denied that the

exhibit is an arms fair. But Judy Berlyn of the Canadian Peace Alliance said the government is just splitting hairs.

"Of course they're not exhibiting guns and tanks and missiles. They're dealing with components of sophisticated technologies. It's a sub-contractors' show," said Berlyn.

"But the exhibit is a project of an External Affairs/International Trade defense program. It was advertised in a magazine called *Ca-*

*nadian Defense Update*," she said.

Berlyn said the companies probably aren't exclusively military sub-contractors, because very few such companies exist. "The government argues, 'Are you going to blame the company if the ballbearing that fits for a truck works for a tank as well?'"

"But what I object to is that the government isn't making a moral distinction between this exhibit and an agricultural exhibit, or an automobile exhibit, or whatever. The

end uses are very different," she said.

Berlyn said companies active in both military and civilian sectors are increasingly favouring the military complex because there is much less competition for military contracts. "Something like 95 per cent of military contracts are just awarded," she said.

She said the military complex is bad economics.

"These are high-tech industries,

they're not labour intensive. They're not creating jobs. We would be better off putting that money into construction projects for low-income housing, and the like."

"To me the point is, where is the government putting its subsidies?" she said.

Berlyn said government funding to the Defense Industry Productivity (DIP) program has reached \$260 million, compared to about \$40-\$60 million in the 1960s and 1970s.

## CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

by Dan Beaulieu

Last Monday's City Council meeting erupted in shouting and accusations as several controversial proposals were discussed, including the city's investment in the Expos, a plan to charge admission at the Botanical Gardens and a proposal to protect trees on private property.

### Millions for Youppi

The City adopted a resolution to purchase 15 million dollars worth of shares in the Expos baseball club to help keep the team in Montréal.

The administration insisted that the investment is a sound one. They argued that the value of the franchise will increase and that the economic spin-offs from the team will justify the City's expense.

"1500 jobs depend on the team remaining in Montréal," said Mayor Jean Doré.

Opposition councillors and community groups were dismayed by the rubberstamp decision, saying the City's money could be better spent on problems of poverty and housing.

"Nowonder Youppi is dancing so much," chuckled one homeless man when told of the decision, "I'd dance if they gave me 15 bucks."

### Dollars for Daisies

In a move opposition councillors are calling presumptuous, the City adopted a motion to purchase over a million dollars worth of equipment necessary to begin charging admission to the Botanical Gardens.

Members of the opposition Democratic Coalition were angered by the proposal, citing the fact that City Council did not adopt a motion to charge admission in the first place. "Doré is counting his chickens before they hatch," said one City Councillor.

Other members were upset over the very idea of charging admission to a public park. "It's like putting a fence around Mount Royal," said opposition member Sam Boskey, "certain things in a city ought to be free."

### Tree Proposal Killed

Sam Boskey's motion asking for the protection of trees on private property was killed by MCM Councillors.

Trees on private property should be given protection like those on city property, Boskey said. A written statement said that, "Trees form an important part of the urban ecosystem" and should be accorded at least minimal protection.

While other City Councillors agreed with Boskey in principle, few would support him. In an earlier statement, executive member Michel Prescott said the administration would kill the proposal "for purely political reasons."

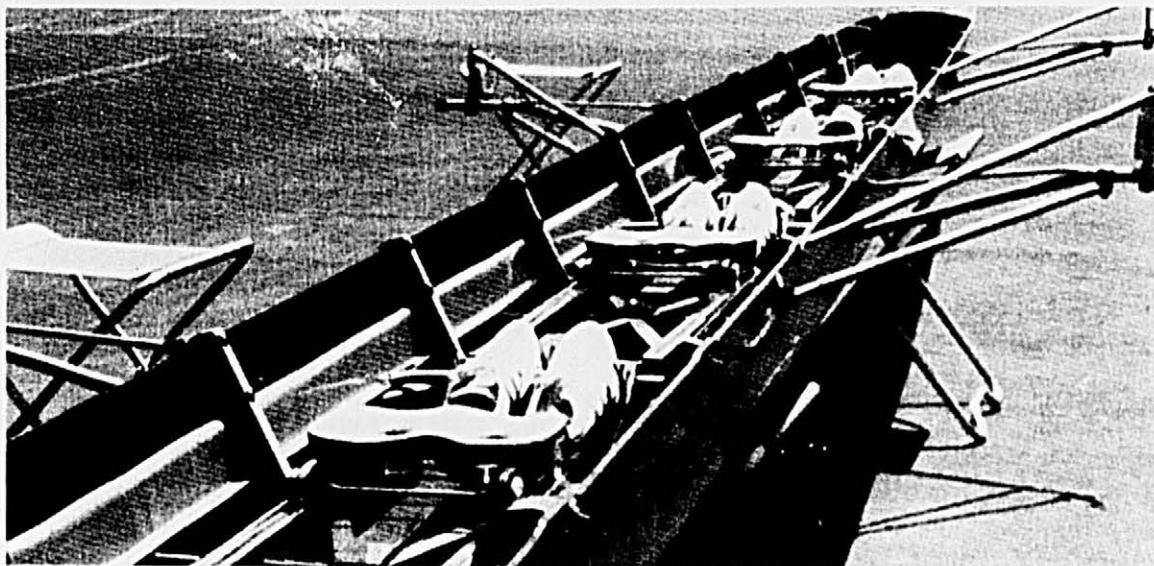
### Auditor General's Report

Some of the day's biggest news came before the Council meeting when the City's annual Auditor General's Report was presented. The 200-plus page document criticized the city for its purchase of a million dollar computer system which had not been properly tested.

"Only through luck has the city avoided major catastrophe with the system," the report stated.

### Workers Honoured

Accepted unanimously was the Democratic Coalition motion that the City approve the observance of a newly created "Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace." The day will be marked annually on April 28th.



## McGill teams to be cut

by Stephanie Conway

Purporting to reflect McGill's overall "mission of a commitment to excellence," the University's Athletics Board has cut funding to 15 intercollegiate sports teams.

Though the overall athletics budget will remain the same, those groups which do not fit the criteria for "excellence" will no longer receive funding.

According to Athletics Director Robert Dubeau, "We wish to attract more qualified students to athletics by upgrading the intercollegiate program."

But he said the main reason for the cuts was that the programs had been too "watered down." Funding had been spread too thinly across all programs, and no one was happy, said Dubeau.

The cut programs will now have to turn to fundraising in order to continue as "sports clubs."

According to Dubeau, as many as 50 per cent of these teams will probably not be able to continue. "But those teams that are well-organized and structured will be able to handle fundraising," he said.

Dubeau said he was pleased about the gender equality of the new arrangement. Fourteen programs will continue to be funded, including men's and women's basketball, hockey, swimming and soccer, and men's football.

"There is equal gender in number of teams. In financing, the disparity is not based on less money for women and more for men." He said men's teams sometimes get more money if they have leagues in other provinces, for example.

"The philosophy behind the cuts is based on quality, in line with the University's motto of aiming for excellence," said Dubeau. He defined quality as "a team that is able to be competitive against other

universities in the country."

The sports directly affected include men's and women's alpine skiing, fencing, rugby, rowing, squash and track and field, men's volleyball, women's field hockey and synchronized swimming. Many of these teams have brought intercollegiate medals to McGill.

Dubeau admitted, "The coaches and team members are not happy."

The Athletics Board, composed of members from McGill administration, faculty, alumni and students, voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Dubeau said there was much debate at the committee, "but members were very cognisant of the effects."

Student members on the 18 member board included Students' Society athletics rep Karianne Aarup and VP University Affairs Debbie Pentesco, amongst others.

## Prison women strike again

by Carl Wilson

Prisoners at the Kingston Prison for Women are on hunger strike for the second time in a month.

Six women began refusing food, water and medicine last Sunday, April 7, in protest against racist treatment by prison guards and prolonged segregation.

The six were segregated along with four others for their part in a disturbance on February 6 following the suicide of native prisoner Lorna Jones.

Normally, segregation would end after 30 days, but the women are being detained under rules of

'good order' in the Kingston institution.

Kingston prison activists Through the Walls say the strike this week was provoked by discriminatory treatment of the Aboriginal women in segregation, one of whom was called a "heathen savage" by one of the guards.

Prisoners are also angry that a 'humanitarian' pass, granted to prisoner Dawn McCormick as a condition for ending the last strike, was cut in half at the last minute, leaving her only seven hours to spend with her dying mother.

Several other women in the prison are refusing to eat in order

to show solidarity with the segregated prisoners. They are still drinking liquids and taking vitamins.

The six women were among ten involved in a strike March 4 to 13. They include McCormick, Joey Twins, Lisa Martain, Sandy Paquachonn, Caroline Rappoplas and Maurice Tarrio.

Prison officials could not be reached for comment.

For more information or to help, contact Through the Walls at 472 Albert St., Kingston, Ontario, K7L 3W3 or call (613) 544-0448 or (613) 548-8665.



# Québec cuts daycare for unemployed

by Katerina Cizek

Starting this week, Québec parents without jobs face even more difficulties finding daycare for their children.

In another effort to cut social service spending, the government has decided that only working parents have the right to daycare subsidies.

A new eligibility requirement for subsidies excludes all welfare and unemployment insurance clients who are not on work measures or back to school programs.

"These changes mean families that are the least privileged will be

suffering the most," said Jean Claude Gagnier of the Union of Daycare Workers. The Union is a part of an unnamed coalition of welfare rights activists, daycare advocates and trade unionists.

The coalition issued a press release Tuesday condemning the government for limiting access to daycare. It estimates that the change will affect 7000 of the 46 000 children now in subsidised daycare.

Up until April, eligibility for daycare subsidies was determined by revenue, regardless of where that revenue came from. Parents would submit a copy of their income tax file, and would be subsidised for

daycare accordingly, said Gagnier.

"The Government is acting on their philosophy of daycare only for workers," he said.

Now without a recommendation from a social service agency or documents proving that parents are at work or school, parents will be forced to pay the full amount of daycare fees.

Where there are two parents, both must now fulfill the criteria.

But the change hit single mothers especially hard, said Sylvie Charbonneau of Le Regroupement des garderies du Montréal. Women make up 87 per cent of single parents in the province.

"Even single mothers on welfare with children under the age of five, who are exempt from work measures in the welfare program are not eligible anymore," she said.

Arthur Sanborn, of the Point St-Charles Community Centre said part-time daycare services are essential for single mothers re-entering society. "Without these services, a single mother cannot leave the house for even a day or two every week," he said.

Other changes accompanying the new eligibility requirement include an increase in daycare fees up to an average of \$16.50 daily per child. In certain cases, this figure

could reach \$21.

The coalition also pointed out that the government reneged on its promise to create more spaces in daycare. In 1989-90, the government created only 2320 places out of the 6208 needed.

"With a meagre 1.9 per cent increase in the government's daycare budget, the coalition doubts the government will be able to fulfill its goal of creating more daycare space," said the coalition's press release.

The provincial Office of Daycare Services announced the changes on March 22, only two weeks before the changes took effect.

## Mayors and militants challenge federal housing cuts

by Jason Prince

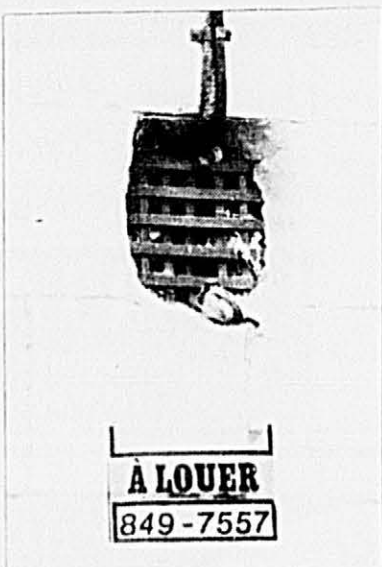
A Canada-wide coalition of cities and housing rights groups are protesting massive federal government cutbacks to low-income housing.

The growing coalition, including the cities of Montréal and Québec, wants the government to postpone the cuts for one year. Michael Wilson's 1991 budget will result in a loss of at least 10 000 new units in Québec, one of the provinces hardest hit.

"This is a conservative estimate," explains Pierre Gaudreau of Montréal tenants' activist group FRAPRU. "It doesn't take into account rising costs of realization, like construction."

FRAPRU is planning a sensitization campaign, followed by the occupation of federal government offices in protest.

Total federal expenditures in real estate remain the same, but rate social housing as lower priority. The budget proposes a 15 per cent reduction of spending in specific



areas, including cooperative and non-profit housing, to be frozen for five years.

"Any of these cuts are disastrous," says Arnold Bennett, ex-city councillor and Montréal-based tenants' rights advocate. "The feds make cuts, the province makes cuts, and the city suffers." The federal cuts affect provincial budgets, which means less money for the municipalities.

Francois Goulet, spokesperson for the City of Montréal, sees a pattern emerging. "The PARCQ program (government renovation subsidies) was cut in 1989. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation was cut by \$146 million in 1990. Cuts to the federal co-op program in 1990 were postponed only after pressure was applied."

"Definitely, the federal government's strategy is to withdraw from social housing. It represents a tremendous loss for the City of Montréal," Goulet said.

Mayors from Canada's big cities are meeting in Montréal this week to launch their national plan of action on housing and homeless issues which may become a blueprint for intergovernmental funding coordination. Federal and provincial housing ministers have been invited.

"This is something new. In 1989, Montreal was alone (protesting PARCQ cuts). The collective weight of the mayors in Canada adopting a common position will be hard to ignore," Goulet said.



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## Students examine co-operative development

by Hin Tang

This past week, McGill students from the Community Cooperative Development Association announced their hope to spend about six months looking at McGill development projects' relations with the communities where they're located.

The 15 students have applied to the Youth Initiatives program of the Canadian International Development Association (CIDA) for money to visit McGill projects in nine countries.

The Cooperative group (CCDA) came together as a result of a project organized by five McGill students last summer which looked at sustainable development projects run by McGill professors.

After they came back, they coordinated a five week long discussion series on such subjects as development and women, development and youth, and effective development.

As a result of these discussions, a group of students began to put together the proposal for this year. Working closely with MIDSA (the McGill International Development Stu-

dents' Association), the group decided on nine projects that interested them.

Jim Wishart, MIDSA representative said, "It was incredible how they came together so spontaneously and initiated self-education on cooperative principles."

The Youth Initiative program has few stipulations concerning proposals. The students cannot actually participate in the existing project and cannot receive academic credit for their work. Otherwise, the project is fairly open-ended.

The group will be working closely with the various communities trying to determine the impact of the projects on the communities and find possible ways for the communities to cooperate in the development process.

Derek Smith, a member of last year's group, visited a McGill Biogas project in Egypt. He stressed the importance of communication with the communities. He said, "It was nice to be piggy-backed into the community and see how the people were affected by the project. Often the project has a representative visit the community only once a month or so."

Adam Lewinberg, another MIDSA representative, echoes these views. He said, "A

major criticism of development is that it is too paternalistic. Groups go into a country and tell them what to do." He believes that this year's theme of 'Interaction Between the Project and Community' will help to ensure that development is beneficial for the people.

The projects that CCDA will be working with are very diverse. One example is a comprehensive urban planning project in Belize which deals with the recovery of bogged land. Another project deals with appropriate technology in storing of seeds, harvesting and packaging in India. Other projects deal with health programs and teacher education.

The public education part of the project will involve displays of pictures, newspaper clippings as well as many discussions about the successes or failures of development.

Last year, the Youth Initiatives program provided 75 per cent of the \$20 000 budget. This year, the group has a budget of about \$60 000. Their proposal, if approved, will furnish 62 per cent of this amount. Most of the rest of the money will come from the students' own pockets. Other possible sources are through samosa sales and a Students' Society grant.



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Jen Zeppa is one of fifteen students wanting to examine McGill's development projects.



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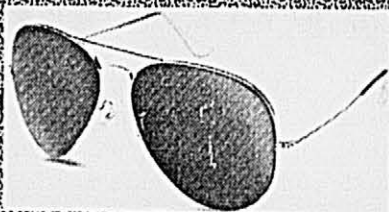
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# Manning and Spicer and all things nicer

by Alex Roslin  
and Alan Bowman

As in the Soviet Union, Canada's regional groups are becoming jarred enough by the sclerosis of the national government to reexamine this nutty thing we call Canada.

People in regions with enough political clout to speak their minds and be heard — Québec, the West — have gone ahead on their own to challenge the existing structure of power in Canada.

In most polls of Québécois/es, for example, over 65 per cent support some kind of sovereignty for Québec.

People with less power, but more than their share of desperation — the First Nations — have turned to barricades, demonstrations and blockades.

On the surface, it may appear like forgotten voices are being heard more. Citizens' Forums are combing the land, the NDP is getting voted into office, and the media isn't shy about saying how pissed off everybody is.

But there is something new to worry about as central power collapses. Behind the scenes, these forgotten voices are being co-opted and appropriated by the same old interests, intent on keeping their share of power in the 'New Canada'.

The Reform party is probably the most sinister example of this exploitation of popular discontent. Now with 66 000 members, the party had its first Televised McConvention last weekend. Suddenly, Preston Manning is the coolest thing to hit Canada's news shows since Gwynne Dyer and his Gulf war misinformation bonanzas.

All three major national parties have said the four-year-old Reform party is a force to be reckoned with, and are increasingly bending a knee to its neo-fascist politics.

In the three days following the Reform convention, the *Globe and Mail* ran seven articles on the Reform party. Another three columns on the party appeared by Reform's unpaid spokesperson, *Globe* columnist Jeffrey Simpson,

who has also propagandized Reform in *Le Devoir* and on the CBC.

But is Reform really gaining prominence because it is the populist expression of regional alienation? Or are the politicians, business interests and media-types cozying up to Manning because Canada's family gold is being redivided anyhow, and populism is a good disguise for rearranging things?

## Top-down reconfederation

One of Preston Manning's great schemes is distracting Westerners, concerned about problems like the economy, with his own petty issues — turbans in the RCMP, the influx of immigrants and, most forcefully, anti-francophone paranoia.

The paranoia has in turn helped foster the rebirth of nationalism in Québec.

In the seventies, the sovereigntist impulse in Québec was a grassroots movement, though most Québécois/es preferred staying in Canada. But after ten years of inflexibility in English Canada, Québécois/es are tired of federalism.

Now, it looks like the only way Québec can function effectively is by going its own way. Because of the rise of Reform-style bigotry against francophones, Québécois/es feel there is little chance they can gain the powers they need for their own economic and cultural programs within the federalist system.

But like Western regionalism, Québec sovereignty has also seen its share of co-option by elite interests.

The Parti Québécois, which started out with a social-democratic agenda and has always been one of Canada's most democratic political parties, has lost its progressive lustre. Pushed aside is the idea that sovereignty can bring about a more just society in Québec. In its place, we had the Bélanger-Campeau commission, where a majority of the members represented business interests.

And First Nations are also ending up with their demands coming back



to haunt them. First Nations' struggle for self-determination gained renewed attention last summer. Since then, the Indian Affairs bureaucracy is filled with talk of finally giving First Nations some power to control their communities.

But First Nations are starting to worry that Ottawa may use the slogan of 'self-determination' as an

excuse to withdraw funding for First Nations programs. At stake are a slew of treaty obligations that Ottawa has tried to get out of for decades — economic development funds, social services, health care, education.

Canada doesn't work for you if you live outside Ontario or if you belong to a minority group or the First Nations. But the elite aren't

too happy with this country either. The people who run it are trying to restructure Canada to serve their own interests better. We should keep an eye on how they veil their actions in popular slogans and movements.

Gorbachev knows. Top-down change is no substitute for democracy.

## NOTES FROM UNDERGULF

Mattel, Inc., maker of the irrepressible Barbie doll, has introduced a popular new military outfit for Barbie, complete with desert camouflage. Meanwhile, sales at American war-toy maker Revel, Inc. are up four times over their levels before the war. Revel made toys out of 14 of the 17 types of warplanes flown in the Gulf. (*Dollars and Sense*)

Kurdish exiles in Canada report that the Turkish army has shot "a large number" of Kurdish refugees who tried to escape violence in Iraq by fleeing to Turkey. The U.S.-backed military rulers of Turkey claimed the Kurds were armed.

Turkey has also stepped up repression against its own large Kurdish population and the anti-government opposition, arresting and torturing dozens of activists in recent days.

The U.S. is "shoreographing" the turmoil

in Iraq with an eye on destabilizing the country, says Gehad Auda, an analyst at the Centre for Political and Strategic Studies in Cairo. First, George Bush encouraged rebellious groups in Iraq to revolt against Saddam Hussein. Then, the U.S. gave Baghdad the green light to crush the rebels, he says.

"For Saddam's forces to crush it (the revolt), as they are trying to do, they need the roads the Americans control," Auda says.

U.S. forces are deployed for hundreds of miles on Expressway One, which runs from Umm Qasr to al-Nassiriyah, a key route for Iraqi units moving to attack rebels. (*The Nation* and *Manchester Guardian Weekly*)

The U.S. made a deal to leave part of Saddam Hussein's army intact, according to Kendal Nezan, president of the Institut kurde de Paris.

"Washington, after having left a number of Republican Guard divisions intact at the request of the Saudis, gave the green light to

Baghdad for the use of helicopters and other conventional arms in the 'civil war,'" Nezan wrote in the French daily *Libération* last week.

"The Allied solution for Iraq is a new Sunni-led military dictatorship capable of 'holding' the Kurds and Shiites, and willing to satisfy all the demands of the Allies.

"An Iraqi government elected democratically, which embodies the aspirations of the population, could refuse to honour Saddam's military debts or to make generations of Iraqis pay reparations for the crimes committed by a monster created by foreign interests."

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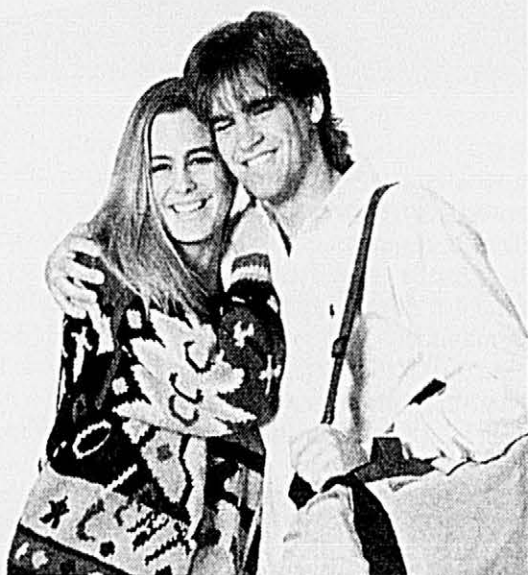
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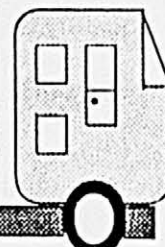
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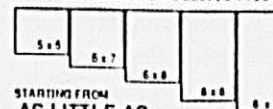
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# Public transport sent to back of bus

by Peter Clibbon

Last month, Boucherville Mayor and South Shore public transit president Hughes Coubertin proposed privatization as a solution to the transit system's financial woes.

Although few onlookers are taking him seriously, his suggestion has sparked anger, and debate on how municipalities should respond to cuts in provincial government subsidies expected in January 1992.

"Coubertin was trying to emphasize the importance of finding new funding sources if the provincial government goes through with the cuts to municipalities. If new funding sources aren't found, privatization is the only option left," said South Shore Transit Corp (STRSM) public relations officer, Dianne Farmer.

According to city hall opposition member Marvin Rotrand, Coubertin is a "car advocate", so he is more receptive to privatization than most.

"He's responding in a reactionary way [to the proposed cuts], without seriously considering the options. Privatization of public transit is completely unacceptable, and anyone who supports it is putting the public interest last," said Rotrand.

"Public transit is run by the government because it's not a money-making business. Every city transit system privatized in the United States has resulted in reduced services, higher fares and unpleasant working condition," he added.

Although public transport remains in the municipal portfolio, transit corporations are turning to private sector measures to counter provincial government subsidy cuts.



"If the government doesn't give us enough help, we'll have to behave like a private company, cutting inefficient routes and rationalizing the STRSM's main services such as the Longueuil-Montréal route," said Farmer.

STRSM has already decided to slash bus routes to communities deemed "out of its territory" such as St. Bruno and St. Hyacinthe.

## \$180 million lost

However, the proposed transit cuts will affect every public transit system in the province. If the cuts go through, Montréal's transit corporation would lose almost \$180 million

in provincial subsidies — more than 30 per cent of its operating revenue.

According to Norman Parisien of the transport lobby group Transport 2000, if subsidies are cut Montréal would have fewer financing options than the suburbs.

"The city would enter into direct competition for business with outlying communities because they would be forced to increase property taxes. Lower taxes in the suburbs have already brought a large part of the city's population and business off the island," said Parisien.

Recently, more cumbersome solutions

have been proposed to end public transport funding problems. At a conference of mayors last February, funding alternatives such as a special tax on gas and parking spaces were discussed.

Another scheme developed by the Montréal Citizens' Movement in the 1970s (before it became the City's government) proposed taxing the large companies located in the downtown district. The amount paid would directly reflect the number of employees commuting daily to the workplace.

But this form of taxation is no longer practical, said Farmer.

"This is a dangerous proposition to have during a recession. It would further promote 'selective development,' encouraging large companies to move elsewhere. High taxes in Montréal were the reason why most companies moved to the South Shore in the first place," said Farmer.

But according to Rotrand, "I don't think financial exodus is a plausible fear. Montréal is the financial centre for the region, and the downtown businesses that employ hundreds of office

workers couldn't be anywhere else. To prevent migration to the suburbs, any corporate tax should apply all over the province."

Both Farmer and Rotrand agree that all the avenues for new funding sources haven't been explored.

Some are speculating that the provincial government may rescind its plan. Recently public security minister Claude Ryan announced he may decrease the municipal subsidy cut by \$110 million. Transport Minister Sam Elkas has met with public transport officials in an effort to assess the municipal response to the proposed subsidy cuts.

# Little daycare in the known universe

by Kristen Hutchinson

Childcare was established to ensure that women who enter the workforce have a place to leave their children. Today, when childcare is available, it usually isn't affordable, and often fails to meet the needs of the women who need it most.

Women comprise 45 per cent of the workforce in Canada. If all women with pre-school children stayed at home, nearly one out of every five women in the paid workforce would be out of a job.

Governments haven't been much help. At the federal level, two 'solutions' have been put forward, but with little success. The Canada Assistance Plan (CAP) was created by the Ministry of Social Affairs to provide financial help to low income families.

Aid is allocated according to a family's net income, the number and ages of children in the family, and child-care rates. Under CAP, the federal government covered about 50 per cent of child care expenses for eligible families.

The feds made a second attempt in 1987 with the National Child-

Care Strategy (called Bill C-144, the Canada Child-Care Act), increasing the federal share to as much as 90 per cent in some areas. The Act also allowed for larger tax deductions for child-care expenses within certain limits and an increase in the refundable child tax credit.

But still, said Lipika Banerjee, a worker at Project Chance, a government-subsidized housing project for single mothers, there is simply not enough space for all the children who need daycare.

"There is such a demand and not enough services," said Banerjee, adding that many mothers end up in the informal daycare market where services are often pricier and less reliable. Childcare in rural areas is either nonexistent or far from children's homes.

Families with subsidies are not guaranteed space in licensed facilities. But according to government policies, if they cannot find licensed space, they lose their subsidy.

The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women suggests that the government needs to provide construction costs and start up grants for child-care spaces. The

government could also turn unlicensed spaces into licensed spaces.

In addition, due to the nature of financing, daycare workers are often severely underpaid. While paper-pushers for mega-corporations like Hydro Québec get paid fourteen dollars an hour, daycare workers get minimum wage. And low wages create high staff turnover and low-quality care.

Honor Lynch, the director of the Concordia daycare centre downtown, is familiar with staff underpayment. "Daycare workers are penalized. They are professionals but they aren't paid like professionals," she said.

Often, daycare workers are not covered even by minimum labour standards, are not eligible for paid holidays, unemployment insurance or medical coverage.

## Universal daydreams

Publicly funded childcare is structured as a welfare service, which means that not all families have access.

According to Lynch, "The problem is that there is no universal daycare. It is not accessible to all people for all reasons."

The Advisory Council suggests there should be a program for daycare similar to the universal program of education and health.

Angela Mallozi, the director of the Garderie de Mon Coeur, a multilingual daycare attached to the YMCA, said, "We need universal daycare so that everyone, rich and poor, can have somewhere to bring their children."

The newest provincial daycare policy further restricts services. To receive subsidies, a parent must have a job, be studying or be enrolled in a job program recognized by the government. This law means people whose sole source of income is welfare or unemployment insurance will no longer receive subsidies.

A recent report from the Advisory Council found that because childcare expenses are deductible, greater tax savings go to women with higher incomes. Many mothers cannot qualify for tax deductions because they do not possess a sufficient income.

Banerjee said Project Chance offers a good alternative for single mothers but added, "The only improvement to the housing project would be more daycare service fa-

cilities. Single working mothers have nothing to accommodate the fact that they are working and that they are mothers."

In some cases, students provide free babysitting to make up for the lack. Banerjee said it is an option that could be developed further. "There are so many students and people who are willing to do it. It's just a matter of harnessing that energy in programs that are geared towards women who need it."

Most daycare workers agree that Canada needs a universal daycare system that would affirm child-care as a right, not a privilege. More daycare centers, better-paid daycare staff, and increased accessibility could go a long way toward removing the practical barriers for women re-entering the labour force.

The present system of subsidies, tax breaks, lack of funding for new spaces hurt low income, immigrant and single mothers the most. The Canada Child Care Act expires in 1992. We will probably not see a concrete solution unless there are major changes in parliament. And that could take a feminist revolution.





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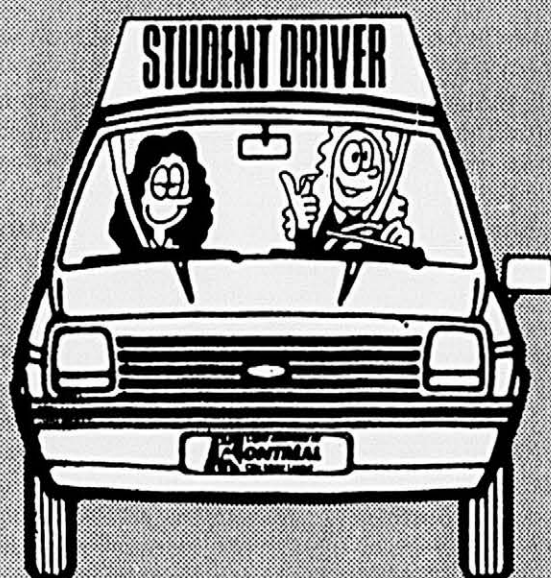
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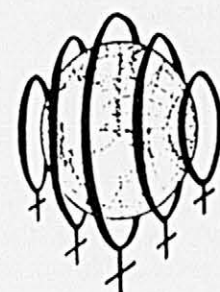
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# Rotrand: Democrat disses Doré's Montréal

Last November, municipal elections brought a landslide re-election for Mayor Jean Doré and the Montréal Citizens Movement. The party seized power in 1986 promising democratic reform but are now often likened to the previous Drapeau 'regime'. While the MCM now dominates City Hall, a handful of opposition members are keeping them on their toes. The *Daily* talked to Snowdon councillor Marvin Rotrand, a member of the opposition Democratic Coalition.

by Stephanie Conway

**Daily:** As one of the few members of the opposition, what do you hope to accomplish at City Hall and what are the political aspirations of the Democratic Coalition?

**Marvin Rotrand:** The Democratic Coalition is not a monolith. There are also the Civic and Municipal parties which do not play a significant role in the opposition. Our main goal is to educate the population about municipal politics.

Our ideal would be to form an umbrella coalition of social interest groups throughout the city. We want to recuperate the environmental agenda.

Also, we would like to have only two municipal parties in Council. However, the MCM hasn't yet alienated the real estate parties — the Civic and Municipal parties on the ultra-right fringe.

The Democratic Coalition might be able to build a base in western Montréal where we have strong support.

**Do you think the opposition in council helps to limit MCM power?**

Definitely. If there was no opposition, there would be no opposite discourse in council and even less in the public domain. Because there is a co-ordinated and well-organized opposition in council, a very different point of view is put across on many issues.

For example, on the \$15 million speculated investment on the Expos, the coalition was able to point out that the city has two different standards. In lending money to community groups or non-profit organizations, it basically wants veto-power over their board of directors and all sorts of guarantees, but when it comes to major interests — in a deal that hasn't even been properly explained to the city council and council doesn't even know what the books look like for the team — the city forks over \$15 million without any guarantee it's ever going to get anything back.

Our point of view on that Expos deal was that it was illegitimate during a period of unemployment and recession for the city to be bailing out the Bronfmans at a time when it's done nothing for the poor of this city. Food banks are springing up everywhere and social housing is conspicuously absent.

The opposition is able to give people a different feel for the way things could be run. An articulate opposition, even if it is small, is important for the global vision of the city. We are trying to develop an "alternate philosophy" so we can tell people that, "yes, the City of Montréal can be administered differently," based on decentralized decision-making, and durable, human-scale development and a much more environmental agenda.

**How critical are the members of the other opposition parties in council of MCM policies?**

It is clear that the other opposition

members have a different point of view from us. The other opposition members have done little other than gripe occasionally that city workers are lazy and overpaid, tax people too much and have been involved in too much social housing — the usual ideological right-wing gripes. But they haven't been able to put together any good dossiers in terms of doing research and making their presence felt.

This vacuum has given us a disproportionate amount of publicity. The real challenge for us is not just to be effective at City Hall, but to be able to build a party outside of City Hall. Because there is a tendency on the left to be too involved in ideological nitpicking, splitting hairs rather than trying to build a district association.

We believe in the necessity and legitimacy of political action and that there is a certain power attached to electing people to City Hall. The left has an obligation to be constantly present on the major dossiers and to influence them.

We've won battles in the last few weeks alone that people consider to be significant. For example, on the issue of taping all incoming calls to the Access Montréal lines, the emergency public works number and the tax department, we raised questions that caused the city to suspend a quarter of a million dollar contract. It raised a lot of public animosity. *The Gazette* ran an article that said a public opinion poll showed that 77 per cent of the people polled were opposed to the move.

**Has the MCM changed its housing strategy since the Overdale incident in the party's first mandate?**

Things like Overdale were not a mistake. John Gardiner still maintains it was one of the best real estate deals that's ever gone through and one of the best things he's ever done. He's saying "unfortunately objective circumstances sabotaged it."

Just as he still supports the development of massive highrise buildings in Montréal. It means that the downtown core basically looks like a bombed out section of Baghdad with gaping holes in the urban landscape. Office space demands are literally soaked up by massive highrises leaving speculators to hold on to vacant pieces of land hoping they too will score a highrise project one day.

There has been a housing acquisition program with the SHDM (Société d'habitation de Montréal) to purchase, renovate, and provide below-market housing for some tenants and to encourage housing cooperatives to take over and buy the buildings back from the SHDM.

In a letter I received from administration recently, this hasn't happened yet. They've purchased buildings but they haven't actually found co-ops to fill them. I understand there are a number of problems and conditions that the city wants to impose that

are not acceptable to the housing cooperative movement.

**What political direction do you think the MCM is headed in?**

What we have in Montréal is a younger version of the Civic party. We have centralization of power, a non-environmental agenda and we have the real estate industry completely in control of development.

You can't say however that the MCM has been entirely reactionary. There have been some initiatives where they have basically done the right thing. They have tried to maintain the stock of rooming houses to serve a floating population and they have tried to do certain things for the homeless, though they've completely done it in the wrong sort of way.

In terms of their sympathy, they would probably consider themselves far more liberal and progressive than the Civic Party.

One of the reasons that they're not loved by the population is that they are such obvious traditional politicians. They are just dripping with insincerity. Nobody believes Doré when he says these things with a straight face. They've outgrown grassroots and become very aloof and ivory tower.

Even so, they are far less the 'enemies' of Montréalers than the Civic Party or the Municipal Party, who are really dangerous reactionaries. They are really out to lunch.

The MCM has positioned itself somewhere in the centre of the political spectrum. Knowing that many of their members are originally from unions, the PQ and the NDP, they have to somehow maintain that left-wing rhetoric. And they do.

But they act in a very different way. They are very traditional and a very top-heavy and fat administration. There are a lot of political attachés getting a lot of money, there are a lot of people doing jobs and nobody really understands why they're doing them.

The only area in which the MCM can at least pretend it is getting ahead is democratization. They have created a question period at city council where people can come and ask questions. They've tooted their horns on this, but I would say that in no way challenges the power structures since this is normal in other North American cities and has been for the last half century.

The city does not have any coherent strategy to deal with questions of urban sprawl, depopulation or human scale development in the downtown core. As a result, whatever the real estate industry wants the MCM says yes, just as Drapeau did.

I don't see that the MCM will pursue an environmental agenda. On garbage recycling Montréal is probably the Canadian city that gets the lemon award, it's far behind its own suburbs. It's behind Toronto.



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# The fracas about FEUQ

by Susana Béjar

McGill's rear entry into what's left of Québec's student movement has raised unsettling questions about the Fédération Etudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ).

Just weeks ago, after McGill students voted to pull out of the federation, its representatives were lamenting the departure of its solidest "apolitical" bastion. Now we're back, in true McGill fashion, after a judicial board ruling overturned the student referendum that freed us in March. Or are we?

The proceedings at the judicial hearing have raised questions about FEUQ's accountability to the students it represents. Students' Society's argued for limiting the legislative powers of student referenda, and claimed that the referendum was invalid with respect to the FEUQ's constitution (implying that Students' Society has committed itself to a constitution that supersedes its own).

And all of a sudden, FEUQ President Nicolas Plourde came out and said that students are not members of FEUQ — rather, associations are.

The worrying implication is that students are now bound to an organization which does not even represent them as individual humans, said PGSS president Michael Temelini.

These certainly aren't the kinds of arguments FEUQ enthusiasts used to convince students to join in the first place. No one ever campaigned for FEUQ with a slogan like "Vote for FEUQ, legally bind the SSMU to an organization which doesn't really consider you a member."

But the judicial decision suggests it will be difficult for McGill students to undo what they did last fall. It is unconstitutional for student initiated referenda to run questions that will affect student fees. And with this decision, the judicial board has set a precedent, linking the student body's political decision on membership in an organization to fees and fees alone.

"This is a dangerous precedent," said PGSS VP External Rhonda Mawhood said.

If the FEUQ model becomes the new model for Students' Society projects, then there will no longer be a chance for student initiated referendum to overrule students' society decisions. "The referenda will be bound by fees.



Students' Society VP External-elect Karla Macdonald



PGSS VP External-elect Eugenio Bolongaro

Students will have one round on any issue, and that is it. Their first decision will be irrevocable," said PGSS VP External-elect Eugenio Bolongaro.

However, Bolongaro said he thinks there is hope if students are willing to sacrifice some cash. The judicial board ruling on the FEUQ referendum read "A student-initiated referendum could be held to withdraw McGill from FEUQ, but it would have to be made clear that the withdrawal would not affect fees."

"I'm sure Students' Society is going to interpret this in their own way. They want to unequivocally relate membership in FEUQ with fees. But if a student next year ran a referendum question that specifically stated that the \$1 fee students agreed to this year would not be dropped, then we could revoke our affiliation with FEUQ," said Bolongaro.

## Nobody knows, nobody cares

Bolongaro, Temelini, and Mawhood defended the referendum question, which they had initiated, at the hearing two weeks ago. But graduate students are not the only ones who are questioning the validity of McGill's membership in FEUQ.

"The whole thing is totally absurd.

I don't think anybody on campus cares or knows anything about FEUQ. The lack of student involvement in the organization is large enough that maybe we shouldn't be committed members," said McGill undergraduate Susan Vivian, who ran for the position of VP University Affairs in the last election.

Vivian said she is not surprised that Students' Society made the move to overturn the student referendum. "It's totally anti-democratic, but it's in line with the approach typical of Students' Society today."

Students' Society VP External-elect Karla Macdonald defended the judicial board appeal. "If it was constitutional, then it should have been overturned. I have to say I'm happy with the result."

Macdonald said FEUQ needs time to grow. "To be totally honest, I don't think we're going to see what FEUQ is until this summer and next year. It's a very young organization. For the last few years it's just been building up a foundation, getting together members, a name, and certain basic platforms."

But the low level of FEUQ activity has other students worried.

Their concern is not totally empty. Since McGill became involved with FEUQ, Students' Society's External Affairs office has deferred much of its provincial portfolio to the federation. Issues like loans and bursaries, and tuition fees, which were once

addressed in detail at McGill, have been mostly shoved into FEUQ's lap, with few results.

On the surface, you might call this division of labour. Macdonald said it is more constructive for McGill and FEUQ to split this work. But some students, like Anthropology undergraduate Brian Schnarch, say this efficiency is being emphasized at the expense of accurate representation.

FEUQ policy — what there has been with it so far — tends to tacitly become Students' Society policy. Policies are sketched out at FEUQ conferences where no more than two or three McGill students are present.

The result has been Students' Society's quiet support for the Nouveau Partenariat — a proposal on solutions to underfunding that has never been ratified by the traditional policy referendum. As well as a prioritization of student issues that has never even passed through council, let alone the student body.

"FEUQ is obviously, at this point, an ineffective and apolitical organization. It doesn't take a stand on First Nations issues, Hydro Québec, the flooding of Cree territories in northern Québec. It won't even take a stand on free education. I don't know who it represents," said Schnarch.

"FEUQ supporters say they're keeping their noses out of political issues to maintain unity in the movement. But as far as I'm concerned, a student movement that isn't political is as good as dead, anyway," he said.



PGSS VP External Rhonda Mawhood



# Voguing film is vague, voyeuristic

by Will Richards

It really ain't that easy being a filmmaker these days. Especially if you choose as your field of interest the much-maligned genre of documentary film.

One of the main debates within postmodern thought on film is the question of the subjectivity of the camera and the filmmaker. The main element of documentary film that separates it from narrative film and validates it is a supposed objectivity. That's why it's not easy to make (or even to watch) a film like *Paris is Burning*.

Jennie Livingston, an L.A. photographer who moved to New York to study film, produced and directed this film on 'voguing' and the drag balls of Harlem.

As one of the interviewees states, this film is a portrayal of people who have three strikes against them. Strike one, they're men (what?). Strike two, they're black. Strike three, they're gay.

However, the film neglects to deal with these three issues directly; rather, it focuses on the structure of the community to which they all belong, the various subdivisions within the community, the structuring of the competitions that they have at the balls, and the "dreams

and aspirations" of the people in the film. All of these issues are dealt with through interviews with people involved in the community, both old and young.

The interviews with various queens and gays bring up the most problematic and alarming aspect of watching this film. The people involved have all been cut off from the general orientation of society because of their sexuality, or what is conceived to be their sexuality (not all drag queens are gay).

The overall statement made by the film is that these people are alienated, and that this alienation, and the resulting banding together of 'outcasts,' has made them able to accept their differences.

Why is it then that in what can be called the "hopes and dreams segment," all of the desires of the interviewees are extremely middle class? Give us large gobs of money and fame, they scream.

This desire to 'be a part of' comes across most in one of the categories of the voguing competition. It's called Realness. The objective is to play a role as convincingly as possible. The roles played out are from mainstream ideas of success: student, executive, model etc.

As well as (denied) satire, it serves as a survival technique in avoiding



Queers and queens getting "Real" on New York streets in *Paris is Burning*.

homophobic violence in what they refer to as the real world. However, what Livingston does not address, and in fact denies through implication, is the idea of wanting to blend in, which negates the idea of accepting differences.

One of the aims of documentary film when dealing with social gen-

res in a 'sympathetic' way is to portray a certain closeness to the subject matter. This is where this film, once again, misses the mark. We get a frankness from the people interviewed, but it is much more guarded than Livingston would like us to think, or is even aware of herself. To believe that people can forget the

presence of a camera and a full crew is a mistake.

A more personal question also must be asked, and I'm sure that those interviewed asked themselves this: How much can a wealthy, heterosexual, white woman, living just off Washington Square Park, understand a community of generally impoverished, black, gay men, living in and around Harlem? The voguers and drag queens in this film may come and hang out in Livingston's neighbourhood, one of the more expensive in Manhattan, but they certainly don't live there.

Livingston, in making this film, and the audience through the viewing, experience the voyeuristic pleasures of examining, from afar, what is an extremely foreign world to the filmmaker and undoubtedly to most of the film's audience.

The positive aspects of the film come through in objective matters, such as the structuring of competitions, balls, houses, etc., and the language of the drag queens and voguers. Purely factual stuff. The film is worth seeing just for this alone; we see the roots of what has now largely become a socially accepted form of expression.

Though *Paris is Burning* is an interesting film and certainly worth seeing, certain of the major theoretical problems that face documentary filmmakers are ignored. However, this film has won several prestigious awards, has been written of favourably in not only the alternative press and film journals, but also the mainstream press, and is currently one of the most talked about and seen films in New York City.

It may just be that the film world and the general viewing public are not concerned with the issues I've spoken of here. We can only hope that it is not so.

*Paris is Burning* is showing at the Rialto Cinema from the 19th to the 30th of April.

## U.S. journalists sue military censors

by Dan Robins

Press pools are a lot like swimming pools, in that a limited number of people are allowed in. The military designates a certain number of 'spots' with various armed forces divisions, and fills them with journalists.

And it's not just the pools: In the Gulf War, journalists were accompanied everywhere by military escorts, and all of their copy had to be approved by a Security Review.

If your name were Greg Hartung, you would know all about press pools. But you still might not know the U.S. military is being sued over its alleged use of these to control war news.

Hartung is a Lieutenant-Commander at the Pentagon, and he spent part of his summer in Saudi Arabia, supervising a press pool. "Media pools multiply the information that's available to the American public," he said.

But some think this system distorts the news.

The system is being challenged by eleven U.S. news organizations and several independent journalists on the grounds that it's unconstitutional. "It inhibits freedom of the press under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution," said Franklin Siegel, the lawyer arguing on behalf of the news organizations.

"It also violates the Fifth Amendment by favouring certain journalists and promoting certain

kinds of coverage," he said. The Fifth Amendment guarantees everyone equal protection under the law.

Siegel is with the Centre for Constitutional Rights, a "public interest law firm" based in New York. It got its start 25 years ago with the civil rights movement in the American South.

The issue is not censorship, however. "I don't think anyone's challenging the government's right to censor," said James Ridgeway, Washington correspondent for the *Village Voice*, one of the organizations involved in the suit. "This suit is challenging access."

The way it is, "Journalists just go there and sit in a pool and sit around."

Lucinda Chodan, a senior editor at the *Gazette*, said, "I think that it probably affected the *Gazette*. We had to rely on other sources, such as CP and Southam, and what was fed to those reporters."

Press pooling "is always detrimental," she said, "because we can't report on what's going on. We couldn't be as impartial as we would have liked. It's a very dangerous trend."

Walker said that the *Gazette's* better stories were those that came directly from Jordan or Syria, and didn't have to pass through the Pentagon net.

Lieutenant-Commander Hartung said the reasons for the system are simple: 1600 journalists

wanting to go, and "no place in the field for them... It would have been like equipping another battalion."

The Security Review was necessary, he said, to protect "operational security." The only reason stories were censored was to "save American lives."

Reminded of one censor's insistence that a description of airmen returning from bombing runs be changed from "giddy" to "proud", he said, "Obviously, that was wrong." But, "in the vast majority of cases, I think the system worked very well."

(Another example of the system's fine functioning was one story where the detail of American bomber pilots watching porn films to get pumped up before a run was removed.)

Asked about the suggestions that the pooling system kept certain incidents out of the news, he said, "Do we hide things from people? Not to my knowledge. It just doesn't pay off."

Hartung's history of pooling: When Grenada was invaded, no journalists came along, and none could come in afterwards because the airspace was shut down. So the Pentagon decided that pools would be necessary to ensure that the media got it.

But according to a recent *Village Voice* article, when Panama was invaded, the pools weren't activated on time, not until well after the attack commenced. The journalists

were held in a military base overnight, allowing the military to get away with ridiculously low civilian casualty estimates.

Not everybody feels the military was doing the public a favour. "I've found that the news of the Gulf War was the most controlled news I've ever seen," said David Walker, foreign editor at the *Gazette*. "It kept the truth from getting out."

"I think the American military misled the press," said David Bist, another *Gazette* editor. "I think the press was used."

In the court case, the military's argument was based on the contention that this was a military matter, and civilian courts had no jurisdiction, said Siegel. And when the war ended, they argued that it was no longer relevant.

But Siegel said what was being challenged was the pool system, not its actual use in the Gulf War. When the U.S. next goes to war, it will have the power to recall the pools, unless the Centre for Constitutional Rights wins the case.

Siegel was unwilling to speculate about their chances, but said that the judgement should be ready "sometime in summer." Right now, it's under advisement with Judge Leonard B. Sands.

The Pentagon lawyer, Neil Kaslaowe, could not be reached for comment. Nor did the *New York Times* return calls to tell the *Daily* why the paper of record was not taking part in the suit.



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# Native lesbians celebrate links and lipstick at benefit

by Kristen Hutchinson  
and Monica Brennan

Concordia's Lesbian Studies coalition held a "Native Lesbian Speakout" last Tuesday. Writers Chrystos, Beth Brant, and Two Feathers spoke at the benefit for the Kahn-Tineta Horn Survival Fund, describing Native oppression and its links with other struggles.

Two Feathers, a band member of the Six Nations of the Grand River Reserve, is a founding member of the Women's Coalition Against Racism and Police Violence and the Indigenous Women's Coalition in Toronto. She made connections between all people struggling against states that "put profits before people."

She said, "I have reclaimed my voice: A voice that kicks the ass of the ruling class."

Two Feathers read "No Cause to Celebrate 1992," about the 500-year anniversary of the 'discovery' of the Americas and the 350 years since the founding of Montréal. She told the gathering not to forget the establishment of the Americas was based on Native genocide. "When you celebrate 500 years, remember that Native people continue to survive in spite of you."

Beth Brant, a Bay of Quinte Mohawk, the author of *Mohawk Trail* and editor of *A Gathering of Spirit*, read from her new book *Food and Spirits*. She read a story called

"This is History," describing it as a Mohawk creation story - and lesbian love story.

At the story's end, the "first woman" is told she will give birth to twin sons, one good and one bad. "If the sons do not honour the women who made them, then that will be the end of the earth."

The evening wound up with Chrystos, of the Menominee Nation in the U.S., reading from *Not Vanishing* and *Dream On*. She is an activist for prisoners' and lesbians' rights.

An imposing figure with an open, toothy smile, Chrystos approaches her work with brashness and sarcasm. Her humor came through in works like "Poem for Lettuce," a biting satire of virtuous vegetarians: "I am a flaming double scorpion who will eat anything."

She dedicated one poem to Beth Brant, "the woman who helped me come back to wearing lipstick." Chrystos encouraged women to go into diners with lipstick smeared all over each others faces, because, "It's good for national morale." She also read some erotic poetry, climaxing with heavy sighs from the crowd.

Her poems have to do with tirelessly watching and fighting the racism, intolerance and heterosexism aimed at gays, women, the disabled, and ethnic communities. In "Morning Song," Chrystos says to the Mohawk Nation, "We've never surrendered, we only said so

to survive."

The evening ended with members of the audience decrying Chrystos' opinions on Israel and Palestine. Several Jewish women in the audience rose to express their objections to her statements on the links between anti-Semitism and the situation in the West Bank.

Saddened by the attack, Chrystos explained her belief that it was her responsibility as a writer to build ties between different peoples. (It seemed Chrystos was silenced by the criticisms in much the same way as by publishers who reject her work "when it's not about being Indian or being a dyke," as she'd said earlier in the evening.)

The benefit was held for Kahn-Tineta Horn, a Mohawk woman, who lost her job at Indian Affairs and custody of her youngest daughter because of her participation in the Oka crisis last summer. She is now facing three criminal charges.

Horn is fighting to be reinstated in her job, and now has her daughter back. She was unable to attend, but her eldest daughter Ojistoh Horn-Miller gave a speech on her behalf. She called her mother's ordeal "the extraordinary result of a woman standing up to defend her land and her people."

Donations can be sent to the K. Horn Survival Fund, Box 939, Kahnawake, Quebec, J0L 1B0.



Native poet/activist Chrystos spoke at Concordia forum Tuesday night.

# Who aids who in world circus?

The Fragile Coalition  
Robert M. Wachter, M.D.  
St. Martin's Press  
June 1991

Though tanks rolled in on Tiananmen Square and the Ayatollah Khomeini died in the first two days of the Fifth International AIDS Conference, the Montréal gathering of scientists and activists emerged as veritable media theatre. Though in time the perform-

ers packed up their troubles in their old kit bags, the circus would stop again the next summer in San Francisco for a run that made Montréal seem somehow tame.

Robert Wachter, a medical doctor, got the job of Program Director for conference number six enough in advance to observe and become unnerved by the happenings in Montréal. His task was colossal, bringing together truckload after planeload of clinical scientists, biomedical researchers, epidemiologists and social scientists.

And then there were the guests who came without invites. Enraged and militant, members of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) moved in on the conference, their own research and facts emblazoned across placards.

The collision made for great sound bites and for about a week the largely non-doctor, non-activist western world watched the images zoom through their TVs. When it was all over, Wachter decided it was book material and turned it into what he calls *The Fragile Coalition*, in which scientists and activists make some kind of workaday pact. "Come cry on my stage (but don't yell at me) and I'll get you those drugs. Really I will."

For San Francisco, the main job was overturning a congressional ruling that affixed HIV to the short list of "dangerous and contagious" diseases. In the face of this new policy which restricted some of the conference guests from entering the U.S., Wachter's political consciousness emerged. Hans Paul Verdoef is detained, nay jailed, in Minneapolis. The horror! Wachter says with masturbatory earnestness, "I shrank out of the room a lot more politically savvy than I had been when I walked in."

Book readers in this country mostly believe medical professionals are goodly and innocent. In the age of AIDS, doctors, nurses and saints of all sorts are caught in the middle of two extremes — militant activists versus right-wing backlashers like Jesse Helms.

Wachter bets his money on the trustworthy meds, privileging the dispassion of the scientific paradigm over messier, socially embedded AIDS solutions. His treatment of medical colleagues is personal, full of praise while activists are scarcely named. In this coalition, some coalites are more equal than others.

However, a couple of activists get ample space in which to work out the breadth of their tempers. But only the mad ones — like Larry Kramer, for instance. Kramer, New York founder of ACT UP, worked at varying distances with the San Francisco organizers depending on their mood. "He's so articulate," one day, and "He's a loose cannon," the next.

In fact he's both and Wachter frequently, perhaps unknowingly, shows it through his abundant use of Kramer-quotes. "This con-

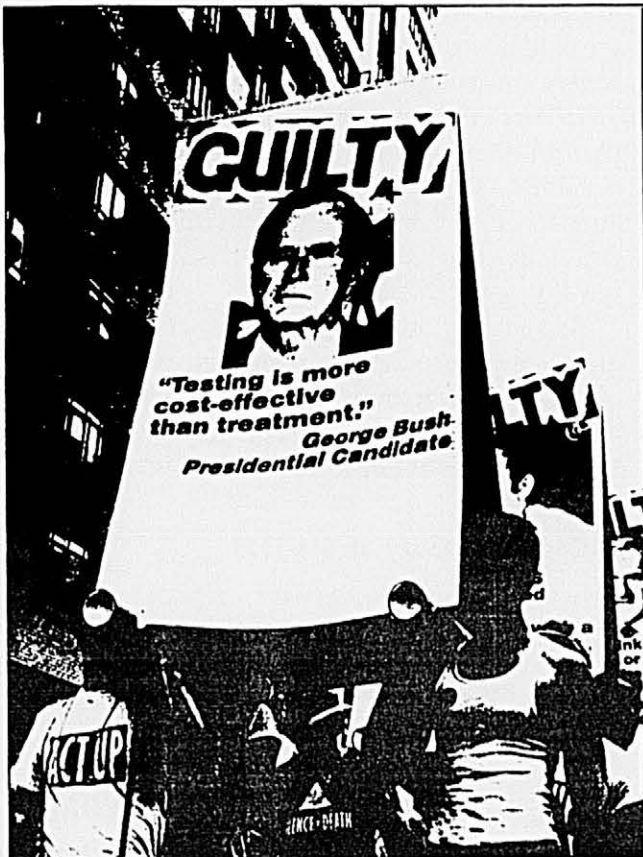
ference is going to be about as 'International' as the Ku Klux Klan... We must riot! I'm calling for a fucking riot!"

Reading Wachter's reaction to the niggling worries that cropped up in the days leading to the conference (especially Kramer) is another one of those cases of getting inside the conservative mind, to confront it and know it, even if a person can't help but run from it. Wachter says he gambled with his professional career, but managed to secure a UCSF teaching post to begin when the conference ended. To explain away his fears, he quotes (believe it or not) Ronald Reagan who, during USSR arms talks, said, "Trust but verify."

The sheer folly of *The Fragile Coalition*, like that of medicine and activism generally, is the awful narrowness of it all. The ACT-UP theatre of World AIDS Conferences — a bunch of men who took the family/M.D. route after college versus a different bunch gone AWOL from heterosex and seeking another kind of basic security — sometimes has little in common with AIDS as the globe has come to know it. ACT UP is changing the world, says one activist. Well, it's changing gay male America.

*The Fragile Coalition* stresses the idea that each person must follow a talent, do their own bit based on individual ability, whether it be activism or science. So why the hell is Wachter writing? The prose is ugly in its solipsism and full of cheap tricks that depend on a distance between the general public and AIDS, not something a good writer dare assume anymore.

- Heather MacKay





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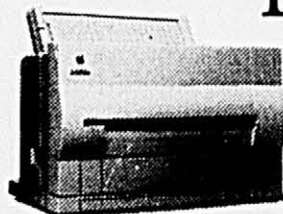
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# Ubu music gives a nod to the Martians next door

by Carl Wilson

If the Abominable Snowman came down from the Himalayas, fresh from a session with the Dalai Lama, and took a tour of industrial America, his first urge likely would be to form a rock band. And that rock band would probably sound a lot like Pere Ubu.

Ubu frontman David Thomas has something truly abominable about him. Like a crazed Jackie Gleason, though possibly a wrestling category or two larger, Thomas has been howling his stories over the Ubu noise salad since the late seventies, with occasional solo hiatuses.

Despite various attempts at commercial success, the protopunk sound of Ubu has remained a cult item — perhaps because Thomas has all the best qualities of a cult leader. He's big, loud, enigmatic, epigrammatic and somewhat otherworldly.

Surrounded by equally charming musicians like bassist Tony Mamone, guitarist Jim Jones, drummer Chris Cutler and (now and again) synth noodler/hermit Allen Ravenstine, Thomas concocts a moral and poetic universe made up of fragments of thought, "hanging like mobiles in the air." Live, they are a phenomenon. On record, they're as thick as a Dostoevsky novel.

In one way or another, every Ubu release is an event. Since the band reformed in 1988, their albums *The Tenement Year* and *Cloudland* have crafted a more pop-oriented sound without abandoning Thomas's obscure mythology and passions. And their affection for noise has never been defeated by chart-directed ambitions.

Pere Ubu's new extended-play release, *I hear they smoke the barbecue*, extends the pop antennae about as far as *Cloudland* did, but is notable for its thematic excursion away from the dissolving marriage Thomas has centred on for the past three or four years.

In fact, in a merry-go-roundabout way, the EP takes a step back from the Ubu muse's usual personal and philosophic concerns into a world that might even be called political. (Though I suspect Thomas himself wouldn't take kindly to the word.)

Complete with ooh-aah background vocals and a riff to beat the bard, the title track is a pop song through and through. But its dreamy opening lines, "I lie awake/I was waiting for the clouds to break," camouflage the main thrust.

In the chorus — "I hear they smoke the barbecue... I hear they sneak around at night... I hear they want to be like we are" — the social subtext croons through, suggesting an aura of xenophobia, American-style: suspicion of the Martians moving in next door. "I hear 'there goes the neighbourhood'," perhaps?

This paranoid paternalism is present in all three songs on the record, almost as though Thomas

took a second look at the claustrophobia in his domestic obsessions.

In "Invisible Man," the critique is a little more open and less ironic, but it's also directed more squarely at Thomas himself. "That's what you get with a golden rule/I've been elected to the King of Fools," he boasts, adding, "I'm living like a hollow man/hiding out in a hollow land/the less I see, the more I know/the more I stay here, the less I show..."

The sound is also a little darker and more honest, continuing the recent Ubu pattern of an anthemic rave-up or two followed by songs with pricklier guitars and more menacing bass (a fairly obvious marketing balance, but it works aesthetically too).

The last and best of the three tracks is "Around the fire," where the tie-ins with earlier work are clearest. Like most of the songs on *Cloudland*, it's addressed from a Thomas-persona to a woman (identified only as "baby"), but the self-parody that was Thomas's early

forte is back again, after a general absence in the slightly self-pitying slew of break-up songs.

The verses are mostly incantations to tunnel vision: "Don't gather by the river/Maybe nobody'll understand/Don't race down to the sea/You don't wanna know what's washed up on the sand... Don't gaze into the fire/Don't run into the smoke/Don't worry, baby, it wasn't anybody we even know."

Thomas's drawling sermon winds up with the advice to "Stand by your man," but unlike *Cloudland*'s "Baby please don't go" panic, this sentiment rings of its opposite — "Get away, stay away, I'm no good for you." A little harsh maybe, but David Thomas is a wise man, and he's willing to serve some musical penance for his excesses.

If only all confessions sounded this good. Let's hope Thomas's conscience will stretch out in a full-length Ubu work (and tour, and video, and dinner invitation...) sometime soon.



Pere Ubu frontman David Thomas, a dapper behemoth.

## Galbraith novel a profitable read

A Tenured Professor

John Kenneth Galbraith

Houghton Mifflin, \$8.95, 197 pp.

Renowned Harvard economist John Kenneth Galbraith turns a jaundiced eye and wry wit towards academe in his recent novel, *A Tenured Professor*.

Montgomery Marvin moves beyond wishy-wash liberal sentiment when he takes up a jaded Oxford professor's advice to change the world by buying it, instead of pleading with others to be nice.

Marvin develops the Index of Irrational Expectations (IRAT) and for several years makes regular killings on the stock market. And he and his energetic and politically committed wife find all manner of political uses for the cash.

Galbraith opens with a sardonic tour around the Harvard faculty club, where the annoying Professor McCrimmon poses probing questions to Economics Chair Grierson about young Dr. Marvin's work. And soon *The Boston Globe* sends

out a hound on the story. Eyebrows are raised when an economics prof moves into a house worth \$1 million.

Marvin's undergraduate days at Harvard are described in drip-dry fashion. Then on a brief trip to the Continent, before going to Cambridge, he encounters the inestimable Marjie Bradford. She's a smug Canadian economics student on her way to Oxford. One could hardly say that they fall in love, but they do marry.

Their preparation for *Life*, as grandly conceived, lands them in Berkeley. Marvin grounds his academic career with a paper, "Mathematical Paradigms in an Approach to Refrigerator Pricing". And he develops the IRAT, which Marjie promptly banks on. They go on a ten-year roll.

The rest of the novel concerns planning and implementing do-gooder deeds with their stash. Along the way, Galbraith takes artful pokes at Washington's smug and silly patriotism, dry-lipped university administrators in fear of ill repute, flaky liberals and academics with chronic tunnel vision.

Acerbic understatement changes banal encounters with such upstanding citizens into chuckles and the occasional belly laugh. Galbraith's potent parodies and clever satire make the reader a fly on the wall in the halls of the powerful.

The pesky McCrimmon sums up the academic game early on, when he dismisses Marvin's plans for improving the world from a vantage point in the ivory tower:

"You simply won't get tenure. Tenure was originally invented to protect radical professors, those who challenged the accepted order. But we don't have such people anymore at the universities, and the reason is tenure. When the time comes to grant it nowadays, the radicals get screened out. That's its principal function."

So Marvin's earthshattering refrigerator work gets his foot in the door. When the plans to change the world come crashing down, his office space and salary are assured. It's a cruel world.

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— Melanie Rock

## Lots to do and fuckeroo

by Dave Block

A culture section's work is never done, but this one's is, for the time being, anyway. So here's a survey of some of the things the *Daily* might have covered in the rest of April, had publication schedules been made in Heaven...

Having started this week and running till May 4 at Espace Libre (1945 Rullum, 521-4191), le Nouveau Théâtre Expérimental and the Amerindian troupe Ondinnok present *La Conquête de Mexico*, with performers from all the Americas rebuking the upcoming Columbus hooplah.

Two musical festivals from the tropics will heat up the club scene throughout the month. A Caribbean festival is on at Club Balattou (4372 St-Laurent, 845-5447), while the Rising Sun hosts its fourth annual Reggae Festival. (Call 278-5200 for info on the shows, at 5380 St-Laurent).

Also, on the 20 and 21 of the month, watch for jazz nonconformist Archie Shepp at the sunrise locale.

Other developments on the music front: an Amnesty benefit with Dysfunctions and Ripcordz and more this Saturday at Terminal (1635 Ste-Catherine West, 937-7401). And Sunday night at Café Campus (3315 Queen Mary, 735-1259), a cross-cultural show called "Blues, Blanc, Rouge" will highlight both Native and Québécois musicians, including Richard Desjardins and members of Kashtin. Fifteen bucks, tho.

Ol' reliable Foufounes Electriques (87 Ste-Catherine East, 845-5484) is still undead, too. The April schedule includes tonight's Banlieu Rouge record launch, with guests (\$4), Wax Trax noise meisters KMFDM Sunday the 21 (tho it's \$15), and the always-indictable Dayglo Abortions on the 25 (\$10 advance and much-needed to defray the costs of their recent obscenity trial).

Most exciting of the lot, though, is FIREHOSE, the California post-Minutemen unit hosing down the Fouf stage Monday the 22, for \$6, which ain't bad. Don't let the Monday blahs keep you home.

In miscellaneous events, the Montréal Playwright's Workshop has two unusually interesting initiatives this weekend. A marathon play-writing session dubbed the "Write-a-thon" will raise funds for the recession-beleaguered theatre lab Saturday, a daredevil exhibition writing in downtown Coles, Double Hook, Lexis and Stage bookshops. Sponsors are requested.

Then, next Thursday, genial *Gazette* columnist Josh Freed will host renditions of the new scripts by local actors at Milton coop's new Strathearn Centre (3680 Jeanne Mance). For more info, call 843-3685.

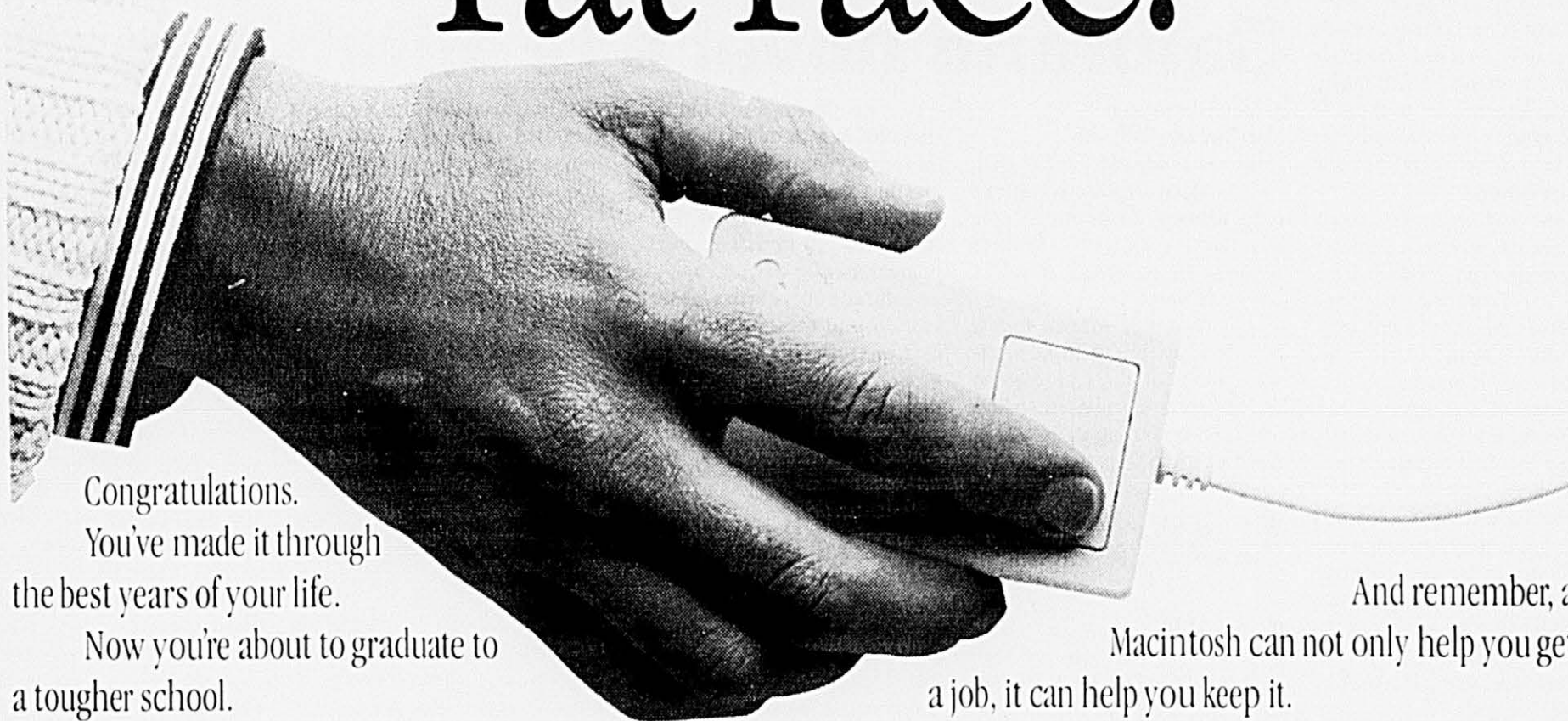
For a walk on the less-desperate side, check out the Workshop's howcase reading, by Toronto lesbian camp-rockers the Nancy Sinatra. The band will take six bucks from you tonight or tomorrow for an ending of *Movin' With Nancy*. Also at the Strathearn Centre.

This Sunday, get the word from the Teenage Mothers' Service of the YWCA (TAMS), whose theatre-video show *Rise* (1355 René

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# Will the real victim please stand up?

While acting as chairperson for a conference on "War, Media and the New World Order" at Concordia on March 16, Eugénie Aw made the blistering comment that she is tired of Western feminists perceiving and thus treating Third World women as victims.

Third World women have, in her view, a long history of struggle and achievement and have a lot to contribute to the international struggle of women. "... Nous ne sommes pas des victimes!" she maintains.

by Phyllis Gooden

Eugénie Aw is a 17-year veteran journalist from Senegal, actively involved in Third World development and affiliated with various Senegalese and Pan-African women's organizations.

She has been residing in Montréal for the past two and a half years, where she is enrolled in a joint Doctorate of Communications program offered by UQAM, l'Université de Montréal and Concordia University. The focus of her research is "Communications in the Context of African Self-Reliant Development."

The *Daily* followed up on Aw's comments at the conference by interviewing her about the relationship between Western feminists and Third World women, hoping her ideas might provide a focus for action and change.

Asked why she thought Western women had a tendency to view Third World women as victims, Aw replied that the former fail to acknowledge that they define and express themselves on the basis of their experiences in their own cultures and the positions of their own societies in the world.

Unfortunately, in viewing the world through this framework, Western feminists tend to believe that they are the true positors of feminism.

This culture-bound view is exemplified, Aw says, by statements like "Il faut aider nos pauvres soeurs d'Afrique" or "Il n'y a pas de féministes en Afrique," and by attitudes which maintain that Western feminists are experts on the Other and thus can act as spokespersons for other people.

In contrast, Aw maintains that Western feminists are not as 'expert' as they claim. Their knowledge of Third World societies is quite limited. They are unaware, for example,

that many African women are actively fighting their own battles; that great solidarity exists between African women at all social levels; or that placards and demonstrations are, more often than not, replaced by tactics of 'quiet riot.'

According to Aw, most Third World women are intimately familiar with their problems: "Elles les vivent

dans leur corps." Western feminists need to examine their self-structured premise which says that Third World women, in general, and African women, in particular, cannot be experts on themselves and are not in a position to resolve their own problems.

Aw says Western feminists tend to adopt superior attitudes when dealing with Third World women. The idea of 'underdevelopment' is extended beyond economics to include more personal aspects, such as mental, moral and cultural development.

In Aw's view, the day that Western feminists cease to regard Third World women as victims and begin to form true alliances based on respect and due consideration, a giant step will have been made.

## Profiting from the "victim"

When asked if, in her opinion, Western feminists benefit in any way from the maintenance of this 'victim-saviour' relationship, Aw replied in reference to her own experience. She believes that women are generally sensitive to the plight of other women and admits that there definitely are Western women who have a genuine desire to help and to learn.

Aw is deeply troubled, however, by the kind of relationship that exists between the majority of Western women working in 'development' and their Third World counterparts. She has discovered that it is one of exploitation "... pur et simple."

According to Aw, it is not uncommon for Western women working in development to garner their 'expert knowledge' from local women. Often, she says, these women have then published such information without citing their sources.

Not only do the authors derive monetary profit from these works, but they also profit intellectually, while simultaneously promoting the concept of 'expertism.'

As another example, Aw cites occasions when Western women have attempted to establish certain projects on the basis of knowledge they acquired through the assistance of local African women.

Unfortunately, she claims, African women are all but eliminated in the development and implementation of these projects. "Elles vont faire pour les Africaines, mais les Africaines n'auront jamais de rôles importants ni de rôles de décision," she says.

As a journalist herself, Aw feels the role of the media in shaping the viewpoints of many Westerners is another factor which should not be regarded lightly. She maintains Western society is dominated by the media, especially television, and popular media tend to create their own version of reality for their audiences.

Western journalists are also influenced by the framework through which the West views Third World countries. Thus, many journalists do not attempt to seek the truth, but instead seek to perpetuate existing images,



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which they usually decontextualize.

Original testimony undergoes a transformation of selective omission and reconstruction which allows it to fit neatly into this predefined framework. Western feminists, through no fault of their own, are subject to these interpretations. Thus, for example, the image of Africa as "... le continent de la grande noirceur" persists.

Is there a link between the image that many Western feminists have of Third World women and the marginalization of women of colour in the contemporary Western feminist movement? According to Aw, there is indeed.

Aw says that here in Québec, she is perceived first as a Black person and then as a woman. As a Black woman, she has found that she is expected to remain silent. When she attempts to express herself vis-à-vis the problems of women, she is often told by her White counterparts that her viewpoints are not representative.

She interprets this as an attempt to dispossess her of her true sentiments and to redefine her in the image of the Other. "... On n'aime pas quand des femmes noires prennent la parole," she says.

## No rigid definitions

When asked to offer her definition of feminism, Aw hesitates, "J'ai beaucoup de mal à définir le féminisme." She believes that feminism is a fluid concept, not subject to rigid definition or structure.

For her, a feminist is born the moment anyone becomes conscious that as a woman, her life is subject to certain constraints, and in the course of daily existence, attempts to rid herself of these constraints by whatever means available.

Thus, both a Black South African woman who, as a silent fighter, attempts to raise her children in the face of enormous odds, and an Algerian woman who, in the face of death, risks her life in a struggle against religious oppression, are, in Aw's opinion, feminists.

Because feminism, as she defines it, has

many different aspects, it is necessary to acknowledge that in different countries around the world, and here the emphasis is on Third World nations, feminism expresses itself in a different vein.

As an example, particular to the women's movement in many African countries, is its linkage to struggles against varying forms of exploitation by countries of the North —

linked to struggles which are attempting to find solutions to widespread poverty. As such, many women's movements, grassroots or professional, are in strong solidarity with the males in their countries.

It is because of its multifaceted nature that Aw refuses to appropriate feminism and abhors the fact that others do. For her, the word is not so important as the act.

So where do we go from here?

Aw sees appropriate efforts being made by a local organization here in Québec known as Cinquième Monde. Essentially their mandate entails educating themselves and other women about the Third World.

They invite Third World women to come to Québec and to participate in forums which allows them to relate their experiences. Special efforts are also made to bring together women of different social classes. Alliances such as these are imperative, in Aw's view.

Aw also stresses the need for Western women to actively fight against structures of injustice which exist here in the West and which directly affect the lives of women in the Third World.

Residents of the West are especially privy to the mechanisms of injustice. By acting against them, women here can actively aid the efforts of women in the Third World.

It is important, she continues, that the global relationship between women be truly a feminine one. That is, a relationship which is subjective and emotive in nature and based on care and consideration for each other.

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# Selye vu par Godbout

Judith Cotton-Montpetit

Pour l'amour du stress, le dernier film de Jacques Godbout raconte Hans Selye. Le film sera présenté au cinéma ONF du Complexe Guy-Favreau le samedi 13 avril à 19h et 21h, et du 14 au 17 avril à 15h, 17h, 19h et 21h.

Les chercheurs scientifiques, au même titre que les artistes, bénéficient d'un public trop restreint. Les documents intéressants relatant l'œuvre de pionniers scientifiques se font rares. C'est donc avec joie que l'on visionne le dernier film de Jacques Godbout, *L'amour du stress*, évoquant la vie de Hans Selye.

Selye a développé l'idée du stress et l'utilisation abondante du mot (le nom de Selye est indiqué dans l'origine étymologique du mot). Le mot a désormais une connotation psychologique mais était originellement physiologique. Il s'agit d'un élément déclencheur causant une réponse quelconque du corps humain. Selye s'intéresse spécialement aux réactions du corps face à des agressions tel qu'une infection, un épuisement, un accident.

Le concept semble bien simpliste mais sa définition influencera entièrement la pratique de la médecine. Une unique question va déclencher chez Selye cette recherche acharnée : pourquoi avons-nous l'air malade quand

on est malade. « Pourquoi les patients qui défilent dans le cabinet de mon père ont-ils tous certains symptômes communs? », devait se demander le jeune Selye.

C'est au laboratoire de James B. Collip (Collip a collaboré à la découverte de l'insuline par Macleod, Banting et Best), au département de biochimie de McGill, que Selye commence réellement sa recherche. Le laboratoire de Collip travaillait alors sur les hormones ovariennes à la recherche d'une hormone supplémentaire. Selye et les chercheurs de ce laboratoire observent une réaction à l'injection d'extraits ovariens.

Selye a des doutes. Il n'est pas convaincu que ce syndrome est causé spécifiquement par une hormone sexuelle. Il reprend ainsi une série d'expériences où il utilisera des extraits de foie, de muscle, de peau et finalement il injecte des substances toxiques non organiques. La même série de phénomènes est observée. Le syndrome est donc causé par un mécanisme d'adaptation du corps humain à son environnement et non à une substance sécrétée par l'organisme.

Une des analogies utilisées par Selye pour expliquer sa théorie consiste à comparer le corps, sous l'action du stress, à une chaîne mise sous tension. Quel que soit sa composition, devant une tension trop forte, c'est le chaînon le plus faible qui se brise.

Né en 1907 à Vienne et décédé



Hans Selye

en 82 à Montréal, Selye a publié plus de 1600 articles et 40 livres. Il a formé quelques uns des scientifiques les plus connus. Par exemple, Selye compte parmi ses étudiants, Roger Guillemin, prix Nobel de médecine en 77. L'homme est génial et le fait qu'il n'ait pas reçu le Nobel demeure un mystère pour plusieurs scientifiques.

Jacques Godbout, connu pour son livre *Salut Galarneau!*, nous présente Selye par l'intermédiaire de Louise Drevet, sa dernière épouse. Elle nous parle de lui et du rôle qu'elle a joué comme épouse. Il ne s'agit pas d'amoindrir le rôle de madame Selye dans la vie de son mari mais cette partie du film est trop intimiste et tend à nous ennuier.

Dès que les documents d'archives nous montrent Selye au travail ou que l'on interviewe des scientifiques, le documentaire prend son envol. Godbout n'appuie pas assez sur l'œuvre de Selye, sur sa philosophie et on reste sur sa faim quant au travail de Selye.

On comprend pourtant l'intention de Jacques Godbout : « (...) rendre compte d'une histoire d'amour qui m'a complètement sidéré. Il s'agit donc des relations humaines d'un scientifique. On oublie que les hommes de science ont une vie émotive. »

Le geste est beau et nous avons besoin de démystifier le travail du scientifique.

## Les McGillois sont fédéralistes

Alan Bowman

Les McGillois sont très majoritairement fédéralistes. En fait, 81,7 p. cent d'entre eux favorisent cette option politique.

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Ce sont du moins quelques uns des résultats les plus frappants qui ressortent d'un sondage réalisé par l'association étudiante de McGill en Janvier dernier.

Le sondage, qui a été fait auprès d'un échantillon de 273 étudiants de McGill, montre qu'à peine 8,8 p. cent des répondants favorisaient la souveraineté-association et 5,1 p. cent d'entre eux, l'indépendance.

Même les francophones sont fédéralistes. 57 p. cent favorisaient soit le fédéralisme. Sa version actuelle attire 12,1 p. cent des voix contre 45,5 p. cent pour un fédéralisme renouvelé avec plus de pouvoir pour les provinces.

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# Les droits d'auteur: la bataille des livres

Pia Copper

L'Union nationale des Écrivains québécois (UNEQ) a réussi à mettre en place un mécanisme qui permet aux bibliothèques et aux professeurs de reproduire des articles pour fins académiques.

Cette nouvelle structure permettra de régler quelques problèmes dus aux récentes modifications de la loi fédérale sur les droits d'auteurs. Elle ne permettra pas cependant de régler toutes les questions, surtout celle des livres étrangers.

## La loi fédérale sur les droits d'auteurs

Comment protéger les auteurs sans empêcher les étudiants d'avoir accès à leurs livres?

Voilà le dilemme qui se pose aux auteurs, au public et aux législateurs depuis l'introduction de la loi sur les droits d'auteur de 1924.

La loi n'a pas été substantiellement modifiée depuis. Les seuls amendements qui lui furent apportés, en 1988, ne prévoyaient que des ajustements pour ce qui est des droits s'appliquant aux ouvrages collectifs ainsi que des solutions partielles au problème du piratage des

logiciels informatiques.

Des modifications récentes ont cependant été introduites à cette loi limitant de façon très importante la capacité des professeurs et des bibliothèques à reproduire des articles.

Présentement, aucun article ne peut être reproduit sans qu'on verse des redevances à son auteur.

À une certaine époque, cette loi n'était pas assortie de mesures coercitives crédibles. On pouvait donc reproduire illégalement des documents sans être poursuivi. Le gouvernement a cependant récemment montré l'intention d'être beaucoup plus rigoureux.

Par exemple, Mike Renshaw, directeur de la préservation et des collections à la bibliothèque McLennan de l'Université McGill, soutient que cela revient à dire qu'« avec toute l'attention accordée à la cause, nous allons maintenant obéir à la loi. »

## La solution de l'UNEQ

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## Les ouvrages étrangers pénalisés

Mais le problème qui demeure est que ces nouvelles dispositions ne tiennent que pour les auteurs représentés par l'UNEQ; la plupart des auteurs canadiens mais très peu d'auteurs étrangers.

Donc pour ce qui est des ouvrages canadiens, ça peut toujours aller. Cependant, pour les profs de McGill qui utilisent plusieurs sources d'auteurs étrangers, la solution de l'UNEQ ne règle rien.

La majorité des étudiants, pour qui les randonnées à Copieville étaient de coutume, sera tout autant affectée que par le passé.

La plupart des sources utilisées

par les professeurs universitaires ne proviennent pas d'auteurs représentés par l'UNEQ. Les professeurs n'auront pas le temps de trouver et de situer le teneur du droit d'auteurs. Ils ne seront pas assurés une permission de reproduire le document. En plus, ils ne seront pas en mesure de payer les amendes prévues par la loi.

Le résultat: soit que les livres étrangers disparaîtront des syllabus, ou les livres sont photocopiés jusqu'à ce qu'ils tombent en morceaux, ou simplement volés.

C'est justement ce problème que les services de réserve cherchaient à régler en incitant les professeurs à faire deux copies des documents utilisés: une pour leur collection personnelle et l'autre pour leur classe.

De plus, les profs qui écrivent dans les journaux académiques sans s'occuper des redevances pourraient faire face à de sérieuses conséquences avec la nouvelle loi. Ils pourraient se voir rejetés par les maisons de publication, donc privés de financement. Donc, les professeurs peuvent devenir les boucs émissaires dans cette bataille des livres.

## Un compromis difficile à faire

M. Renshaw affirme qu'« Il est très difficile de balancer les intérêts des deux partis. [...] La liberté d'expression, des idées, de la scolarité et de la propriété, c'est tout cela qui est au cœur du débat. Une nouvelle loi devra protéger les intérêts des étudiants sans violer la loi sur les droits d'auteur là où les auteurs et les maisons de publication seront blessés financièrement. »

Le Canada aurait du prendre en considération le haut pourcentage de culture empruntée auquel il fait appel. Une loi ne considérant que les livres canadiens est évidemment incomplète.

« Cela rend notre dilemme encore plus difficile », continue M. Renshaw, nous sommes parmi les plus grands importateurs nets de propriété culturelle. Nous avons une obligation intellectuelle de traiter chaque pays comme le nôtre. »

En somme, tant que la loi actuelle sur les droits de l'auteur ne sera pas modifiée, nous serons privés de certains livres. Si nous avons à apprendre quelque chose de cette bataille, c'est que le public ne restera pas longtemps sympathique à ces actions.





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## MCGILL STUDENTS' SOCIETY STUDENT LEADER REGISTRATION



### Attention all McGill Student Leaders:

The 1991/92 President, Editor, Chairperson, Co-Ordinator or Chief Officer of any McGill student Club, Society, Publication, Service, Council, Committee or Association must register with the McGill Students Society

**NO LATER THAN APRIL 16, 1991.**

### Registration allows McGill organizations to:

1. be able to book space in the University Centre;
2. be able to book space in other campus buildings at McGill rates;
3. receive the summer edition of the McGill Student Leader Bulletin;
4. be kept informed about the leadership seminar in September;
5. receive updates to the User's Guide.

**Campus groups not registered by  
April 16th will be considered inactive  
and will lose all campus privileges until  
such time as they are reinstated.**

Student leaders must complete the form below or obtain a 'Summer Registration' form from the Students' Society General Office  
University Centre, Room 105  
3480 McTavish Street  
complete it and hand it in by **APRIL 16TH** to  
Kathy Bowman.

## SUMMER REGISTRATION FORM

1. Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Campus \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Building) (Room No.)

Campus Telephone No(s). (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Your organization is recognized by the \_\_\_\_\_  
(N.B. Only the Students' Society, the 14 Faculty and School Societies and the Students' Athletics Council have the authority to recognize other campus groups.)

3. Name of Chief Officer \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Last Name)

Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(No.) (Street) (Apt.)

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Telephone (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

4. If you will not be in the Montreal area during the summer, please fill in the name and summer address of one member of your organization who will be in Montreal.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(No.) (Street) (Apt.)

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Telephone (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

The Students' Society is often asked for the address and phone number of students holding various positions at McGill. Kindly initial one or more of the following lines authorizing the Students' Society to give the above addresses and phone numbers to those requesting them:

- a) Student leaders on campus only \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Any member of the public asking to get in touch with the person holding your position \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Hand this form in at the Students' Society General Office or mail to:  
Kathy Bowman, Room 105  
3480 McTavish, Montreal, Quebec H3A 1X9.



## LETTERS

## Please be careful

To the Daily:

I would like to add a note to last Thursday's letter reporting a sexual assault, and several flashings, on the Mountain in the week of March 25 to 28. I was also flashed next to the Mountain, on Park Avenue, in the early afternoon on March 27. This was in broad daylight, on the sidewalk between the gym and the statue.

Women—please be careful!

unsigned

## But what is freedom?

To the Daily:

In the dispute with SSMU over your lease in the Union, many arguments in your favour have been made. The most convincing may well be that SSMU is combining conveniently legitimate claims of the Union building being several sizes too small, with a way to shut up the most effective (not to mention loud) critic it has. Not to ignore the vocal nature of the PGSS, but your value in that respect is high.

My worry is that people may be including the right to make the paper a bastion of ideological opinion in the right to "freedom of the press". The Daily's editors and supporters shouldn't make the mistake of assuming that freedom of the press entails the right to make the paper politically left. For most papers it does, but since the Daily re-

ceives mandatory student fees (which can be individually refunded through some ridiculous bureaucratic paper shuffling—big deal), it is a student newspaper. To claim that it is part of an obligation to the student body to expose them to, and challenge them with unfriendly opinion is one thing, but to extend that to making it the character of a students' paper is another.

It is incorrect to accuse someone of limiting "freedom of the press" if they wish to change the predominant political slant of the Daily's editorials, as has been implicitly and explicitly done in recent editions. If they wish to entirely remove expression of such opinion altogether, then the charge applies.

But it's not right to include people who want to change the predominant political stance of the Daily, with the ranks of those who want to silence criticism altogether in the category of those who oppose freedom of the press.

Brendan Bissell

History U2

## With a bang and a smile

To the Daily:

First, it was the Engineering Undergraduate Society's (EUS) aborted funding withdrawal drive. Now, SSMU wants a piece of the action. Well, take your best shot.

The Daily Rent and Space Issue (like the name?) is an attempt by SSMU to

undermine McGill's independent press. There is a space crisis in the SUB, but the Daily should not be penalized for it. Be constructive, not vindictive, in your attempt to solve this problem. I get very upset when someone messes with my reading material. Just ask the EUS executives.

The DPS and the EUS are non-profit corporations that consistently generate surpluses. I do not begrudge this fact, since I have gotten my money's worth from both societies. Unfortunately, SSMU has had scandal after scandal. Can you say kiosks, chickens, and office renovations? I knew you could. Prove your financial worth, SSMU, then I may give you \$11 000. For now, though, lay off the Daily.

Does a poultry (or should that be poultry?) 4 per cent in last year's elections give SSMU politicians the mandate to evict the Daily? If executives want to charge market rates and eliminate Daily office space, then they should get a real mandate. Call a temporary truce, and put the issue to campus-wide referendum next October. Do it, if you've got the guts.

Graduates may find it redundant to express an opinion on this issue. However, I have always believed that if you're going to go — go with a bang. Failing that, do as the Joker did — go with a smile. For those who remain, however, get on the bandwagon now, before it's too late. Space is limited.

Rahul Majumdar  
U3 Engineering

## Cry of the oppressed

To the Daily:

It's disturbing that the Daily would print a blandly uncritical summary of Dr. Cress Welsing's deeply racist delusional system. It's grotesque she should be the keynote speaker at something purporting to be an anti-racist initiative. This is not racism, this is apocalyptic gibberish.

The tortured logic behind the Daily's fashionably selective promotion of hatred is by now wearily familiar. It goes like this: minorities, having no institutional power, are incapable of racism/sexism/sin. What seem like expressions of hatred are exempt from judgement because they are the cry of the oppressed, and therefore good.

To people who espouse this double standard I offer a thought experiment: put yourself in a place like Guyana, where the East Indian and Black populations are locked in a destructive racial struggle for control of political institutions. Quick: who is racist? Who is merely oppressed? Is it a simple matter of numbers? Or does righteousness inhere (as Cress Welsing tells us) in the melanin content of skin?

The insanities of the Cress Theory of Colour Confrontation and White Supremacy are too numerous to explore in detail, but a couple stand out. First, the supposition that something called "the White Race" is facing genetic extinction puts Cress Welsing in good company. This is also the cherished belief of renowned race relations experts like the Ku Klux Klan, the Aryan Nations, National White Resistance, etc.

Then there's the rather low-watt conspiracy theory, not unique to Cress Welsing, that AIDS is a biological warfare weapon intentionally let loose upon the world. Look: AIDS can take as long as a decade to gestate, and longer still to kill. Everyone is susceptible to it. There is no cure for it. By any tactical standard this is absolutely the worst bio-weapon imaginable. The whole idea of bio-warfare is to kill selectively and quickly. (I hasten to add that I personally disapprove of bio-warfare, always have.)

Wishing you a deeply radical, politically irreproachable summer,

## HYDE PARK

## Racism on campus

opinion by Mariame Kaba

Racism permeates all aspects of Canadian life. It therefore follows that racism would be reflected in the school system. Throughout the 1970's, there was a lot of talk about making education representative of the cultural diversity which exists in Canada. This ushered in the contemporary debate focussing on "multi-cultural" education. However, acknowledging the existence of racism and spewing rhetoric about the need for a "multi-cultural" curriculum is by no means acceptable nor commendable. These ideals must be backed up with action. In order to attack racism on the societal level, we must first begin on a smaller scale.

We can begin by taking a look at our campus. How many courses have you taken that deal with race relations or intercultural understanding? How many courses have you taken that have been taught by professors who are visible minorities? The answer to these two questions is likely to be "none" and "not many" respectively.

Surely there must be qualified visible minorities who would make good professors? What accounts then for the over-representation of white males in the various faculty position? I submit that the answer can be summed up in four words: plain and simple discrimination.

Almost every McGill student has had the experience of opening their acceptance letter and coming across the line stating that "You were selected from a large group of talented applicants from across Canada, the United States and over 100 other countries."

McGill readily boasts about its cultural mix and the school encourages the promotion of the various cultures through events like Fiesta Week which serves as the quintessential "celebration of multi-culturalism" on this campus. Yet when we take a closer look at the situation, the University's course offerings and faculty composition remain surprisingly unrepresentative of the student body which it claims to serve.

Most human beings look forward to a day when racism and prejudice of all kinds will be a memory of the past. As Ashely Montagu wrote, "Every American, as an American, must make himself/herself responsible for the elimination of racism, for racism is inhuman, ethically wrong, constitutionally intolerable, and a denial of humanity." Let us begin by acknowledging that racism exists in our own society. Let us begin by attacking racism on our own campus!!!

## HYDE PARK

## PoliSci professors respond

Opinion submitted by professors James Booth, Mark Brawley, Hudson Meadwell and Philip Oxhorn of the political science department.

It is with concern and regret that we read the article entitled "Political science split down the Middle East," run in the 3 April 1991 issue, regarding the hiring process presently underway to fill a position in comparative politics of the developing areas with expertise on the Middle East.

Candidates are evaluated for appointment on the basis of the quality of their research (present and potential), teaching ability, and collegiality. The appointments committee in this particular search is now deadlocked, something which is not unusual for committees. What is unusual is for this sort of issue to wind up on the front page of the Daily.

It is hardly appropriate for the campus newspaper to be involved in an appointments process. The appointments committee is delegated to make certain decisions for the department as a whole, and given certain discretionary powers so that it can operate with the degree of privacy and confidentiality needed to evaluate candidates in as honest and fair a manner as possible. Only members of the committee have access to all parts of the candidates' files, go to the candidates' presentations, and conduct formal and informal interviews with all the candidates. The committee then must share its evaluations in confidence.

The necessary privacy for committee work has been lost in this particular case in several ways, not least of which has been the unfounded charges leveled by unnamed sources through the Daily. This ignores the duties of an appointments committee, as well as the appointments procedure more generally.

Describing one side of this issue as having "ulterior motives" is an interesting tactic for those who first moved this issue from the appointments committee to the pages of the Daily. Rather than accept that this committee has faithfully attempted to discharge its duties, but failed to come to a consensus, one side has charged foul play by claiming discrimination against Canadians (although two of the three hirings already made by the department this year have gone to Canadians), and discrimination based on political leanings (although the other candidates interviewed for this position include someone doing research on popular movements and feminist politics in Egypt, and someone whose research focuses directly on the Intifada).

Denying that the process has been tainted is also a bold statement given that this particular committee has seen one of its original members removed against his will, a second resign, and the two student representatives placed under enough political pressure and saddled with enough burdens that during the final weeks of the semester they too find resignation attractive; of those due to make the committee's final recommendation, at most five of the original eight will have participated in the initial short-listing and interviewing of the candidates for the Middle East position.

One must hope that in the future the Daily objectively examines charges such as these for factual support, something which could have been done in this case by examining the Political Science Department's records on hirings and interviews. The baseless charges put forth by the unnamed sources in the April 3, 1991 edition of the Daily are little more than an attempt to circumvent the regular appointments process and brings further external pressures to bear on the appointments committee.

Having unnamed sources level these sorts of charges in this public venue not only sullies the reputation of the department, but risks compromising the cooperation and confidentiality necessary for future operations of appointments committees. This goes beyond our internal operations. How are future referees going to deal with our department if they fear their confidential evaluations might wind up on the front page of the campus newspaper? This sort of political gamesmanship and public mud-slinging hurts faculty and students alike.

Cliff Doerksen

Visiting Student/History

## Factual errors

To the Daily:

Both letters written by Philippe Richards and Don Harrelson published in Monday's issue contained factual errors:

1) "Don Harrelson" proclaims that contrary to FEUQ, "RACSQ (Québec Grad Association) has never been put



to a vote among grad students". The reason for this is that RACSQ is a "regroupement des associations" (ie. a gathering of associations) not a "federation of students" like FEUQ. PGSS council democratically reaffirmed several times its support and membership to RACSQ.

2) Rhonda Mawhood, as President of RACSQ, went to the Campeau-Bélanger Commission to present the view of the majority of the graduate students in Québec who are in favour of sovereignty. For the record, PGSS representatives to RACSQ abstained on the issue of the constitutional future of Québec because PGSS Council explicitly mandated them not to express any opinion on this matter. By adopting this position, PGSS Council showed maturity and respect for all the views of its members.

3) This might come as a shock to

"Don Harrelson" to learn that FEUQ is as "sovereignist" as RACSQ. Both FEUQ and RACSQ membership have a francophone majority which both happen to be in favour of Québec independence. By extending Mr. Harrelson's logic, does it mean that SSMU, as a member of FEUQ, is sovereignist too? If this is the case, "Mr. Harrelson" should be against SSMU joining FEUQ.

4) Both Mr. Harrelson and Richards implied that all graduate students should stop commenting on FEUQ's politics because PGSS is now out of SSMU. Currently FEUQ pretends to represent all university students in Québec. This is why McGill grads still have the right to express their opinion on FEUQ. Isn't that what freedom of opinion is all about?

5) If FEUQ is so democratic why is it that McGill students will be paying around \$30 000 membership fees to FEUQ even though a majority of students in the last referendum voted against? Grads don't need lessons in democracy, especially from anonymous and closeted members of SSMU fan clubs.

"According to the Registrar, "Don Harrelson" is not registered at McGill. So who really wrote the letter?

Eric Darier  
Poli Sci PhD 6

## Phil on FEUQ

To the Daily:

Finally! After a year of bitchy, unnecessary snide comments from the Daily about FEUQ, someone finally put together a coherent critique of the organization (Michael Temelini's comment of April 3rd). It's wrong, of course, but I'm glad the Daily at least put some substance into their normally vacuous denunciations.

Mr. Temelini clearly promotes both a student agenda and a broad left agenda. So do I, but I don't equate the two. What is right for one is not necessarily what's right for the other. Whatever the moral merits of student associations involving themselves in societal fights

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# 1991 SUMMER RECREATION

**MEMBERSHIP SALES AND INSTRUCTIONAL REGISTRATION BEGIN**  
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for the environment and for social justice, Mr. Temelini should wake up to the fact that most students are hostile to such an idea. The most consistent criticism leveled at ANEEQ and CFS, the two organizations he holds up as models, from their membership is that they spend too much time talking about non-academic issues. Given that ANEEQ self-destructed on this very issue, I find it unfathomable why Temelini would use it as an example of how to run a student association.

However, if FEUQ did start dealing with non-academic issues, I can guarantee Mr. Temelini that it would not go well for McGill. Other schools in Québec don't want to talk about James Bay, they want to talk about sovereignty. If Mr. Temelini doesn't agree that this would KO McGill from the student movement, he's dreaming.

Experience has shown that student associations that deal in non-academic issues either don't last or are ineffective. At the very least, they alienate a good part of their membership. And in Québec at the moment, non-academic issues can be very divisive indeed. FEUQ's decision not to deal with such matters doesn't decrease its credibility; rather, it increases the unity of its members, so they can get down to the task at hand: defending students' rights.

Alex Usher  
BA U2

### Well-informed Gazette reader

#### To the Daily:

I'd like to call attention to some of the goings-on in China these days. Now, I'm about as informed as anybody else who reads the *Gazette*, but what I have

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Lévesque West, 866-9941) "promises to be different." For three to five dollars, 19h30, you'll listen to these young women express their ideas and feelings in this annual "creative happening."

Even cheaper, tonight at the Patro le Prévost auditorium (7355 Christophe-Columb), 20h, feast your ears for free on choral, folk, rap and rock music from various cultural communities, to cap off this past Intercultural week in Montréal—when even Lucienne Robillard tried some Italian sausage.

Also tonight and tomorrow, a dollar will admit you to the UQAM Dance department's *Les Mères Mortes*, a student directed creation with a mysterious matricidal twist (20h, Salle Marie-Gérin Lajoie, UQAM).

If it's art your orbs are craving, the pickins are slimmer. We can, however, recommend the retrospective at Concordia (1455 de Maisonneuve West, 848-4750) on Véhicule Art, Montréal's first alternative gallery, which opened in 1972 and closed in '82. A curiosity, sure, but it won't kill any cool cats.

In addition, the rep cinemas are swinging into summer style again after a blasé winter, and even the NFB is staging an Earth Day "Green Screens" coup. If you feel the urge to flicker, you won't be left unilluminated.

And there's always TV. Maybe they'll have another one of those neat wars, just to keep us from getting bored. *Au revoir*, and have a cultish summer.

Love, Dave.

read shocks and disgusts me.

First of all, there is the incident with the film *Ju Dou*. This film is a major cultural breakthrough for China, as it is the first Chinese film ever to be nominated for an Oscar. But what does the Chinese government do? It bans the film in China, attempts to get the nomination withdrawn and, most humiliatingly of all, forces the film's director to apologize for making the film in the first place!

All because that country's tight-assed officials believe the film makes an anti-government statement. It is cultural oppression of the worst kind. I think the film society should get its hands on the film next year and show it in protest.

Secondly, the government endorses the beating of men and women who choose to have more than one child. The policy against multi-births may seem practical in terms of over-population, but to force it on people who are not given an alternative is revolting.

Finally, whatever happened to Tiananmen Square? When the massacre occurred, people were in an uproar. Now, it seems, everyone's forgotten about it. How can we choose to eliminate from our consciences one of the worst crimes in humanity's history? China is one of the world's worst human rights violators, yet many people do not seem to think it ranks as high in importance as some other issues. Well, friends, think again!

I'd also like to add my support for the *Daily*. The SSMU ranks right up there with the Chinese government. Long live freedom of speech!

Alan Wong  
Arts U2F

### Not like being raped

#### To the Daily:

How can you possibly compare reading a book, any book, to being raped? Reading it [*American Psycho*] is more like being raped yourself. You just want to take a shower and wash the book away. You could have closed that book any time you wanted to, and you didn't have to open it in the first place.

Anna Lewis  
Science U1

### Kate's CV

#### To the Daily:

The blatantly political nature of SSMU's long-plotted eviction of the *Daily* is by now well known.

In her mission to 'liberate' Union Building space, Morisset's targeting of council's most tenacious critics fools no one. If she could have found a way to pull it off from behind her desk as editor of the *Tribune*, she no doubt would have.

Perhaps this finally explains Morisset's grab for student politics-power: certainly little else of the dismal SSMU 1990-91 record possibly could.

Sabotaging the *Daily* is clearly but a desperate bid by the outgoing council to ingratiate themselves in the memories of at least some members of the McGill community: those who rail against the *Daily* for not "representing their point of view".

In other words, the *Daily* refuses to routinely present the kinds of opinions which are so ubiquitous in the mainstream press that they have become unchallenging and comforting — pabulum for the mind insidiously supportive of the status quo.

Congratulations on a job well done. As a former member of the DPS Board of Directors, I know this to be your very mandate. As a reader, I join the refreshingly non-harmonious chorus of support for *Daily* survival: I do not always agree with the views expressed by your writers—but nor do I expect to. As a sometime contributor, I have felt compelled on occasion to question aspects of editorial policy — and have done so.

Throughout I have remained convinced of the invaluable contribution that the *Daily* makes to McGill student life and as the only full-time autonomous student newspaper in Canada, its death by petty bureaucratic SSMU meddling will mean an immeasurable loss.

I wonder if the SSMU councillors have considered just how such an 'accomplishment' will look on their CVs?

Paula Gunn  
Anthro/Poli Sci U3

### "Good riddance"

#### To the Daily:

I am more than pleased to learn of your financial difficulties concerning your space in the Student Union building. To consider yourself "autonomous," while grogging to the SSMU, what a farce! If the *Daily* had any class at all, it wouldn't be begging for free space from the SSMU. Any truly "independent" newspaper feeds for itself. Any decent paper could sell advertising, or better yet, sell itself. If the *Daily* ever tried to sell its rubbish, it would fetch more as low-grade paper recycling than at the newsstand.

I have long been annoyed by your ultra-left-wing views (representative of .1% of student population) and your exceptionally vulgar vocabulary and imagery used to 'provoke' the reader. (The only provocation the *Daily* has provided me is with indignance in seeing a typically disgusting headline of the *Daily* on the Metro Platform. I suppose it's only fitting that the *Daily* seeps into the subterranean depths of the city!)

I will be glad when my student fees in no way contribute to this disgrace of a 'newspaper'.

Jeremy E. Stieglitz  
U2 Econ/Poli Sci

PS. If you had any spine at all, you would print this letter without editing it.

### "I'm worth it!"

#### To the Daily:

Why does everyone make fun of me? It's hurting my self-image. I think I'm worth \$24 000. Sincerely,

Ki Osk  
SSMU U1

### Fundamentally illogical

#### To the Daily:

The Board of Directors of the Québec Public Interest Research Group at McGill would like to express its concern at recent reports that the Students' Society of McGill University is asking the Daily Publications Society to pay \$11,000 in rent for their current space in the Student Union Building.

We consider it fundamentally illogical that one student group (SSMU) would require another (*The McGill Daily*) to use a significant proportion of student money originally collected to put out a newspaper, in order to pay market rental rates in the Union Building. Students pay a specific fee to the *Daily* for the *Daily*, a fee levied by students to themselves in a democratic referendum. SSMU should not have the power to meddle with this money—especially not to expropriate it for some other purpose.

Québec PIRG is concerned about the precedent that this will set. Future councils will charge market rates to CKUT, an autonomous group that depends on a massive funding drive to keep it afloat. Shouldn't listeners' money be going to support the radio shows they listen to, rather than to subsidize Society events, or to pay the Executive salaries?

We are aware that the real issue is space. Charging rent to the *Daily* will not produce any more space. Instead, SSMU could rent or even buy a building (the \$80,000 earmarked for renovating the executive offices would make a downpayment on a building). Or, an agreement with the University might be negotiated to use empty classrooms for meeting space, so that Union meeting space could be converted for office use. Room B09/B10, for example, could provide 4 decent sized offices which could house eight student groups.

We hope the Students' Society will reconsider this issue.

Jason Prince  
on behalf of the Board of Directors,  
QPIRG

## EVENTS

### Friday 12 April

Last day of lectures. This might be your last chance to suck up to professors.

Special, special matinee of Nick Carpenter's "Never Judge A Show By It's Overture." \$4.00 students and seniors. \$8.00 general. Players' Theatre, 3480 McTavish. 13h30.

Chamber Music Recital with works by two child geniuses: Mozart and Mendelssohn. FREE. Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke West. 17h.

Come really, really early to "SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER!!" A film Soc presentation. \$1.00 members and seniors. \$3.00 general. FDA Auditorium. 19h30.

Hot on the heels of the matinee, "Never Judge A Show By It's Overture." See above. 20h.

### Saturday 13 April

Percussionist D'Arcy Gray, with saxophonist Robert Caron, clarinetist Patrice Arsenault, plays Yuyama, Arcuri, Louie and Serry. FREE. Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke West. 12h.

All Dale Carnegie Graduates are welcome to a reunion!! Info: 285-1287. Ramada Renaissance Hotel du Parc, 3625 Parc. 13h-17h.

Spring Rummage Sale. FREE (unless you buy something). Church of St. John the Evangelist, 137 Président Kennedy (Metro Place des Arts, exit Kimberty). 13h-15h.

Bogey. Bergman. "Casablanca." Classic. Film Soc. \$1.00 members and seniors. \$3.00 general. FDA Auditorium. 19h30.

Closing Night of "Never Judge A Show By It's Overture" by Nick Carpenter. See above. 20h.

Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA) puts on a show. \$13.00. Info: Al 342-6336. Salle Claude Champagne, 220 Vincent D'Indy. 20h SHARP.

It boggles the mind that this should not cost you a cent. Rob McConnell joins McGill's Jazz Ensemble I with his valve trombone. FREE. Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke West. 20h.

### Sunday 14 April

Talk out your stress, learn stress management and relaxation techniques and watch old cartoons at Hillel Jewish Women's Circle Anti-Stress Night!!! FREE. Info: Fran 845-9171. 19h.

### Thursday 18 April

"Truth and Consequences: Wrestling with Academic Research" is the last of four discussions on the relevance of Christianity to the pursuit of academics. Talk by Louise Cornell. Cookies. FREE. Thomson House, 3650 McTavish. 18h30.

### Monday 22 April

Ed Broadbent talks at NFB's Green Screens presentation of "From Flores" and "Island of Whales." Info: 283-4755. Canadian Centre for Architecture, 1920 Baile. 19h.

### Thursday 25 April

Irish poet Michael O'Siadhail reads. FREE. Info: 481-1346. McCormick Hall, St. Patrick Square, 6767 Côte St. Luc. 20h.

### Saturday 27 April

Third Annual Conference on Parenting in the 90s. Key Note address: "Parenting Problems, Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen" by McGill's R.O. Phil. \$35.00 advance. \$40.00 door. Info: Arlene Donehy 398-4251. Leacock. 8h30-16h.

### Sunday 28 April

Great, brilliant NFB documentary film: "Island of Whales" (ages 8 and up). FREE. Leacock 132. 14h.

Have a good, safe summer and may your God go with you.

## HYDE PARK

### What are human beings?

opinion by S. Röeder

They are substances — molecules — minor — major...! (deluded Rationalists and Religious fanatics will have a fit at this statement but then) The tragedy is that these substances are not transparent to us. They are contained in skin masks that do not reveal the essence quite clearly. Moreover our own substances project their own impurities on what we perceive. The skin masks are mortal and there is contention over whether the substances are also destined towards the same fate. Certain rationalists would have it that only the 'active intellect' persists, so we can ignore the rest of the studd such as 'soul' — consciousness. Whether this idea emerged from careful ignorance in order to avoid the burden of knowledge or from gullibility, it seems to be an idea that is hard to swallow. Given access to knowledge right here at McGill of Western-Eastern Philosophies, Anthropology, Religion and Science not to say what is carefully or neglectfully omitted from those curriculums. The best is most often left unsaid in classrooms. One has access to it only at very high cost...

What does become apparent is that the so called universal judgements of beautiful and not too beautiful are not based on any reliable objectivity but subjective tribal prejudices in the guise of 'reason.' I wonder which is more dangerous: Misleading people by grooming them with a careful mish mash of reason and prejudice in the name of reason or grouping them into tribal camps in the name of religious revelations. Existentialists by far come out more clean in not concealing the fact that their philosophies have arisen from subjective experience not in some objective critique of reason.

It does not take much to see through the Major Blunders we are making in our societies by not leaving the teaching of learning of Philosophy and Religion for those who are willing to sacrifice financial gain (as I have done) and arrogance if not pride in order to arrive at some important truths about themselves and their environment. How can we expect that given our human nature as 'political animals' we would ever be free of tribal prejudices to allow the genius, the original minds to develop when we can easily trampel over these given the powers we possess as tenured or belonging to the tenured camp of teachers — some of whom have largely lost interest in teaching and learning (learning and teaching go together) and are there just for the "perks".

Just think. As the "Dasein" discloses itself — it is becoming clear that our commitment to elusive and subtle realities requires a renewal or we are headed towards errors and not only revocable 'clerical errors.'



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## 372 - Lost &amp; Found

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**Lost - Size 10 burgundy ladies McGill jacket** at Gert's 22/03/91. 93 on one sleeve, letters ripped off other. Reward. Call 284-6234 or leave message.

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## 374 - Personals

**Is your closet getting too small?** Gays and Lesbians of McGill offers an information/counseling talkline. Call with questions, problems or just to talk. Phone 398-6822 or drop by Union 417 M-F, 7-10.

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**What does SSMU really do?** Call Kate at 398-6801 and find out.

**Important notice:** McGill Nightline will be open throughout the exam period. Call us if you need info or if you just want to chat... Good luck! 398-6246, 6pm - 3am nightly.

**16mm film camera** for sale. Excellent condition, price negotiable. Contact the McGill Film Society, Union 432, or call 398-6825, or 849-7716.

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## 387 - Volunteers

**Drug rehabilitation centre** needs volunteers: work with youth or adults; organize group activities; individual support; lunch hour supervision. Bilingualism, flexible schedule preferred. Call Linda 931-2536.



No more bizarre sex/love triangle. (Rob, Su, and Heather are moving.)

**CATCH 'EM YOUNG & WORK 'EM HARD!**

The *Daily's* end of the year Birmingham Six blow-out will celebrate the paper's potential upcoming extinction in usual *Daily* profligate tearaway style. All contributors, past, present or future, are welcome, as are gallant friends and supporters. Pop by our lair (Union B-03) today or next week for details on locale and recreational consumption patterns.

The Date shall be Friday, April 19, in the dead of night. No more *Daily's*! (ever?)



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES !! UMPIRES NEEDED

The McGill Summer Softball League is looking for ambitious and confident individuals interested in umpiring softball.

DATES: May 6 - Mid August  
DAYS: Mondays (some Sundays)  
LOCATION: Molson Stadium  
TIMES: 17:30 - 19:00 hrs.  
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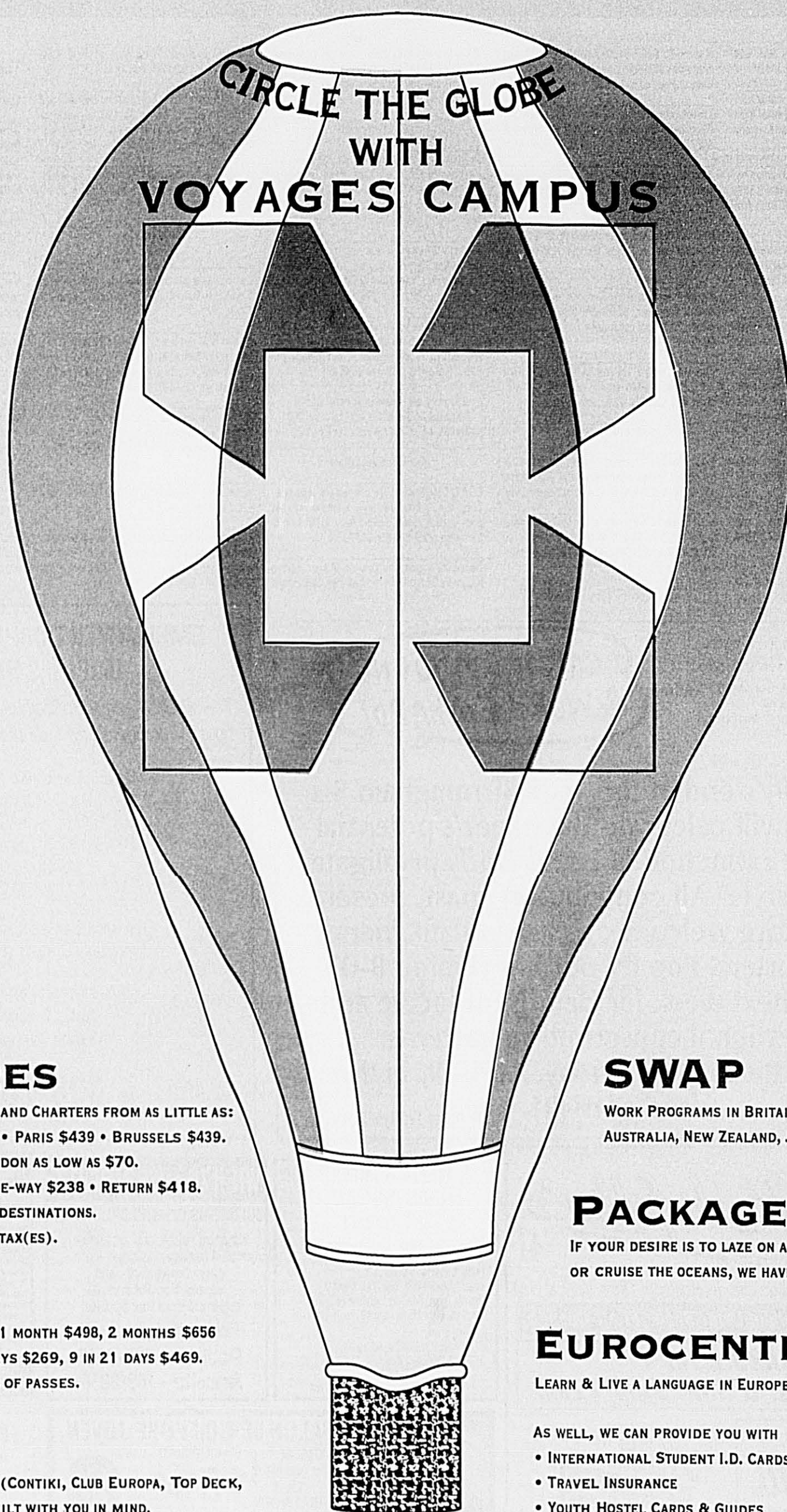
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